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OF THE ILL-FATED FREEDMEN'S BANK

Judson W. Lyons Giving Service at Atlanta—The National Negro Academy Elects New Officers—General Notes.

Thompson's National News Bureau.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 4.—A strong effort is being made by leading men of both races to have Congress pass at this session the bill providing for the payment of the 38 per cent. dividend still due the depositors of the ill-fated Freedmen's Bank. President Taft, in his recent message, recognized the justice of the claim, and earnestly recommended that the overdue money be appropriated by the national legislature for the relief of the hundreds of colored people who had put their faith in the quasi-government institution and [illegible] their little all through its misfortune.

Former Register Judson W. Lyons, who is now practicing law in Augusta, Ga., is interesting himself deeply in this matter, and while here on business connected with [illegible] has been spending some time [illegible] the members of Congress and urging [illegible] to see that the measure becomes [illegible] at an early date. He is giving his [illegible] to the cause without hope of reward, [illegible] as a personal favor to those of [illegible] people who are unable at this time to [illegible] themselves to get that which is rightfully theirs. A few days ago Colonel Lyons had a satisfactory interview with the President, and has had assurances from prominent bankers that there is merit in the claim set up by the men and women who ask reimbursement through the United States Treasury. t is believed that the bill will pass.

Colonel Lyons, discussing the question a day or so ago, said:

"The Freedmen's Savings and Trust Company, as it was officially known—although usually called the 'Freedmen's Bank'—was founded directly after the war when the Negro was in fact a 'ward of the nation,' for the acts of Congress which afterwards enfranchised our people had not then become the law of the land. To all intents and purposes the colored race was the minor child of the government. Both legally and morally, the United States was responsible for the well-being of the freedman, at least until he was fully clothed with the mantle of citizenship.

"At the outset, when the Freedmen's Bank was established, it was provided in the charter that all funds should be invested in United States securities. Had this policy been adhered to the bank would have been in existence to-day, and it would have had on deposit not less than $20,000,000 dollars. But in an evil moment the charter was amended so that a moiety of the funds could be invested in real estate and other things. There was a 'slump' in real estate not long after that; the bottom fell out of the company's securities, and the bank went under. It failed in 1874, with over $2,900,000 on deposit. Financiers of ripe experience in probate matters place this money on all fours with funds held in trust for minor children, and hold that the government should make good the losses incurred through the faith the Negroes had placed in an institution presumably under the protection and authority of the United States.

"Up to this time there has been realized from the assets of the old company a sufficient sum to pay off 62 per cent. of the money due the depositors, amounting to something over $1,700,000; 38 per cent. is still due, and it will take about $1,225,000 to cover this claim. There is every reason why this dividend should be paid, and Congress is doubtless willing to make the provision if the proper pressure is brought to bear. If the colored people all over the country will write their Senators and Representatives and urge them to press the bill, it will go through at this session of Congress. The Senate passed the measure at the last session, but was unable, owing to the rush near adjournment, to get it through the House. The President has been good enough to give the measure his most hearty endorsement in his annual message to Congress, and this carries the tremendous weight of the influence of the executive branch of the governmnt. What we want now is to get the legislative branch. As Senators and Congressmen are responsible to the people for any just measure—and this is an entirely just proposition—where their constituents demand it, we may expect favorable action in this matter if the people rise up and demand that their chosen representatives vote for it.

"I ought to say here that the passage of this bill will confer widespread benefits upon the colored people of this country. The original depositors of the Freedmen's Bank were all in the South, but they have so scattered that either they or their heirs are now to be found in every section of the land. Thus thousands and thousands of this money will be distributed among the colored people in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis, Atlanta, Cleveland, Louisville, New Orleans and all the centers of Negro population between the oceans.

"Now," continued Colonel Lyons, "probably many of the beneficiaries cannot be located at this late day. Some may have lost their bank books or other evidence that the bank owes them. If any money for which a legal claimant cannot be found, it is regarded as the just and fair thing to profitably invest the surplus and distribute the interest thus derived among the existing institutions of learning throughout the South, on the basis of their needs and the number of Negro children benefited. To my mind, there is a bright prospect that the bill will pass. This is a splendid opportunity for the Negro to show the world what can be accomplished for the good of the whole race if it is only united."

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Dr. Henry W. Furniss, the gifted United States Minister to Haiti, whose vivid and comprehensive article on "Whaling in Brazil" in the June number of the Bulletin of the Bureau of American Republics attracted marked attention at the hands of the commercial people of the entire western hemishpere, will have another interesting contribution in the January number of the same Bulletin. The article will be beautifully illustrated, and will describe in detail a trip to the Falls of Paulo Alfonso, about which little has been published. The pictures will be particularly good, and are the result of three trips there with special photographic apparatus. Dr. Furniss is a practical photographer, having had valuable experience while consul at Bahia, Brazil, and upon other trips of this kind, and the views selected as typical of the picturesque region spoken of were developed by himself in the accurate and painstaking fashion characteristic of all that our Minister to Haiti undertakes. Copies of the Bulletin can be had by addressing Hon. John Barrett, Director of the Bureau of American Republics, Washington, D. C.

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Mr. W. T. Menard, for many years connected with the Government Printing Office, and a journalist of national repute, has been assigned to a comfortable berth in the Senate Office Building. Mr. W. E. Cobb, also a former attache of the Government Printery, has gone to the Office of the Chief Engineers, War Department. Several first-class colored printers have sought transfers from the government shop, as the system of furloughs has worked hardship upon men of family, some of whom have been employed scarcely half of the time. The unsympathetic attitude of the trades unions is not encouraging to the colored printers remaining in the service, as they cannot be employed in any of the local offices if separated from the government. The pay in the other departments is not so large as in the Government Printing Office, but it is steady and sure, and is preferred by many to the uncertain wages now offered at their old stand.

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Prof. L. M. Hershaw, one of the best-posted clerks in the General Land Office, is about to issue a volume called the Niagara Movement Year-Book, dealing with pertinent statistics of the Negro during the past year and touching some of the sociological problems confronting the race. Prof. Hershaw is a graduate of the Atlanta University and of the law department of Howard University. He served two successful terms as president of the Bethel Literary and Historical Association, and for seventeen years has been an efficient clerk and section chief in the General Land Office. He is one of the founders of the "Niagara Movement," and is the official head of that organization in the District of Columbia. Prof. Hershaw is a clear thinker, a cogent reasoner and an indefatigable investigator. He has made a close sduty of the relation of the Negro to the American body politic, and is a statistician of more than a local reputation. He is one of the editors of "The Horizon," and is author of several very ably written treatises on constitutional and ethical questions, which have had wide circulation. He speaks and writes French, Spanish and German fluently, and more than once has been mentioned in connection with prominent assignments in the diplomatic service of the government. Prof. Hershaw's "Year-Book" will doubtless be a valuable contribution to the current literature of the race.

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The recent discussion of the "folk-songs" at Howard University has added to their popularity and given opportunity for additional demonstration of the affection in which President W. P. Thirkield is held by the faculty and student-body of the school. The people and the press have both upheld the attitude of Dr. Thirkield—that the classics should be given their full share of attention, but that the "folk-song," revered by our mothers and fathers in Isreal, must not be denied its proper place in the scheme of musical instruction. Mischief-makers do not last long when they try their hand at Howard University.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clifford have returned from their home in Cleveland, Ohio, where they went to attend the funeral of Mr. Clifford's mother, Mrs. E. A. Clifford, who died December 26, at the advanced age of seventy-one years. The obsequies were held December 30 at St. John's A. M. E. Church, of which Mrs. Clifford had been a member for many years. Rev. J. M. Gilmere officiated, assisted by Dr. Charles Bundy and Rev. G. V. Clark. The pall-bearers were Messrs. William H. and John Clifford, H. T. Eubanks, Alex. Stanley, Charles E. Gordon and John P. Green. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford have the sympathy of their host of friends in this city.

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The solid gold elephant scarf-pin presented to Auditor Ralph W. Tyler by Minister Ernest Lyon as a token of the latter's appreciation of Mr. Tyler's splendid services in connection with the recent Lyon-Scott banquet was made of gold taken from one of the richest mines in the Liberian Republic. Naturally, Mr. Tyler values the unique gift very highly.

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Hon. W. L. Houston, Grand Master of the G. U. O. of O. F., now located at Chicago, is spending the week here with his family. He is to attend the meeting of the sub-committee of management in Philadelphia while in the East. Former Grand Master E. H. Morris and Mr. Noah D. Thompson, of Chicago, are expected in the city later in the week.

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The report that Minister Lyon, of Liberia, is a candidate for Register of the Treasury is emphatically denied by those in the confidence of that gentleman. Dr. Lyon will return to Liberia at the expiration of his leave of absence.

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Prof. Arthur U. Craig, of the M Street High School, is taking a special course at the Catholic University, at the conclusion of which he will be entitled to the degree of Ph. D., an honor that has been attained by only a limited number of colored men in this country. Prof. Craig has charge of the Sunday-school at Lincoln Temple Memorial Congregational Church, and is active in many of the movements looking to the uplift of the race.

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President Kelly Miller and Secretary Robert A. Pelham are pushing the canvass of the Howard University Alumni for funds with which to erect the gymnasium for the University. It is expected that the corner-stone of the building will be laid as a part of the commencement exercises next June.

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Announcement is made that a theater, to hold 1,5000 persons, is to be erected by a Baltimore syndicate on T street, between Sixth and Seventh streets northwest, in the heart of the representative colored section of the city. It is the plan of the new management to provide a house where the best colored traveling companies may appear in Washington. They are now barred from all of the theaters conducted by the whites.

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This evening Hon. James H. Hayes, of Richmond, Va., was the speaker at Bethel Literary and Historical Association. His subject was "Pictures on the Wall." Mrs. Jessie King Neill rendered a solo. January 11 Hon. J. Thomas Newsome, of Newport News, Va., will read a paper on "The Relation of the New Negro to the New South," and Miss Eva V. Johnson will sing. January 18 Hon. J. Douglas Wetmore, of New York, will speak on "The Peculiarities of Negro Leadership." Music will be contributed by the "L'Allegro Glee Club." Lawyer L. G. Gregory is president of the Bethel Literary, and Mrs. Carrie W. Clifford is secretary.

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There is a strong likelihood that the bill providing for a commission of seven to pass upon the feasibility of the Semi-Centennial Exposition of Negro Progress will pass Congress early in the session. It is said that a straw vote shows a majority of both houses in favor of the measure.

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Prof. Nelson E. Wetherless, instructor of science at M Street High School, has been elected Grand Master of the Masonic Lodges of the District of Columbia. He received the largest vote ever recorded for a District Grand Master of Masons.

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The National Negro Academy, which met last week at Lincoln Temple Church, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, A. H. Grimke, Boston; vice-presidents, Kelly Miller, Washington; Rev. M. W. Anderson, Philadelphia; Prof. W. H. Crogman, Atlanta; corresponding secretary, J. W. Cromwell, Washington; treasurer, Rev. F. J. Grimke, Washington; executive committee, Rev. W. V. Tunnell, C. C. Cook, A. U. Craig and Dr. J. E. Moorland, all of Washington. Among the new members are Rev. J. R. L. Diggs, of Lynchburg, Va.; Prof. E. C. Williams, of the M Street High School, Washington, and Rev. L. Z. Johnson, of Baltimore.

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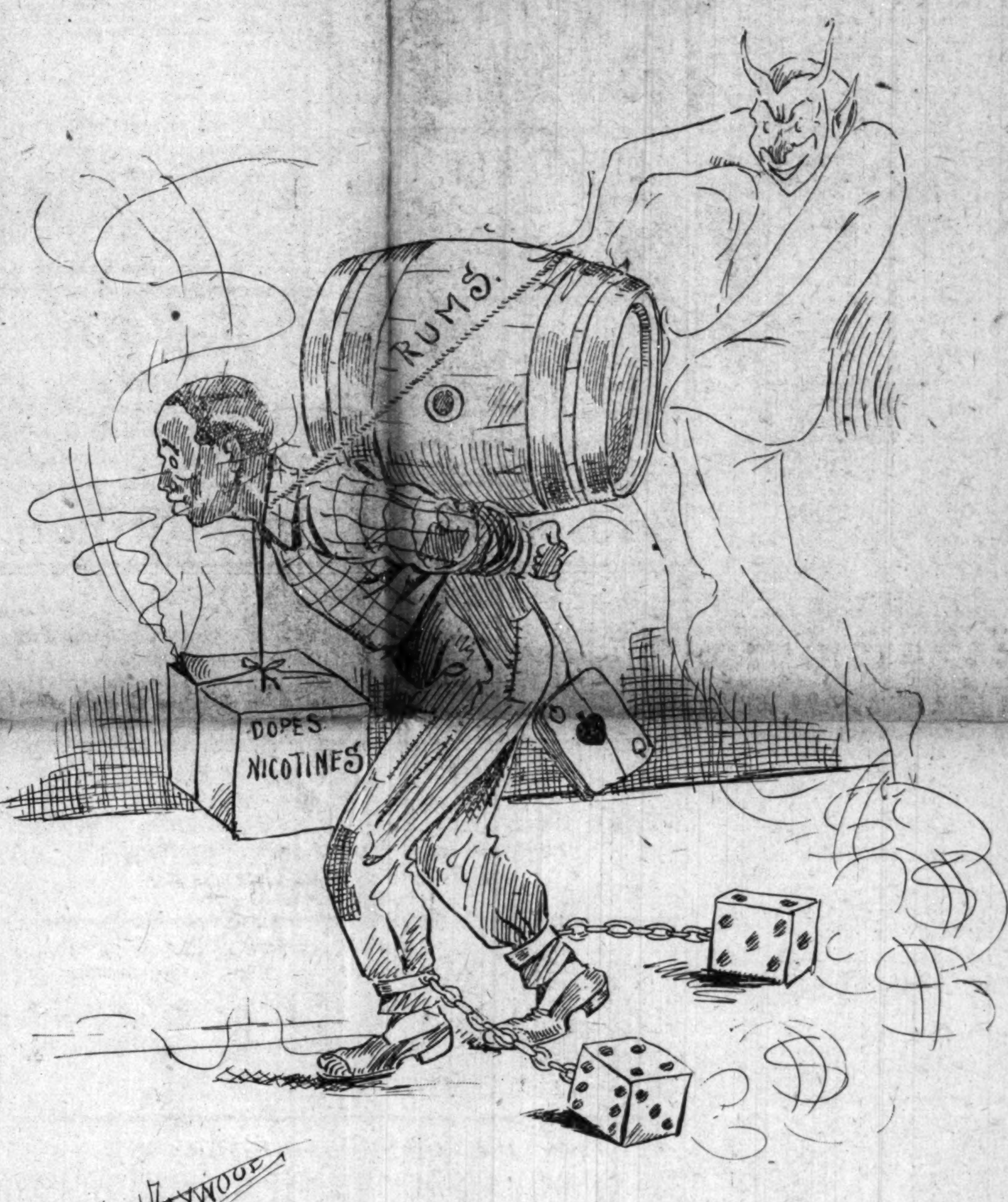
What was probably the most brilliant social affair of the Christmas season occurred last Monday evening, December 27, when the Council of Upper Classmen of Howard University held their annual holiday reception.

From 8 to 9 o'clock President Harvey, standing amid palms and festoons of holly bush, greeted the assembling guests, bidding them welcome. During this part of the evening's entertainment the Lyric Orchestra, under the direction of Prof. W. D. Giles, rendered a musical program, comprising a march by Chambers, operatic selections from Gounod's "Faust" and "The Glow Worm Idyl," by Lincke. Promptly at 9 o'clock the notes of Remicke's "Lovelight" waltz filled the hall, and the merry dance was on in full swing. Mr. John C. Ellis, of the senior medical class, acquitted himself with distinction as floor manager.

Among those present were the Register of the Treasury and Mrs. W. T. Vernon; Mr. and Mrs. Benj. C. Jackson, of Lexington, Ky.; the Misses Gray, of Pittsburg; Miss Henrietta Story, of Wilmington, N. C.; Miss Mattie Bowen, of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Webster, Miss Milliner and the Misses Webster, all of Boston; the members of the Alpha Basketball Team, of New York City; Dr. Luther McNeill, of Wilmington, Del.; Mr. and Mrs. John C. Reeves, of York, Pa.; Mr. Brooks, Miss Bell, Miss G. Smallwood, Miss Adella Parks, Miss Tibbs, Mrs. Inman Brown, the Misses Penn, of Alexandria, Va.; Miss Guy, the young ladies of the College Department of Howard University, who live in Miner Hall; Miss Lofton, Mr. A. Daniel, Dr. Albert Ridgeley, Mr. John A. Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Syphax, of Arlington, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Younger, Mr. and Mrs. John Berry, Miss Helen Moore, Miss Helen Jones, Mr. E. Syphax, Dr. Quander, Dr. Norwood and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Washington.

The officers of the Council of Upper Classmen are: W. J. Harvey, president; M. A. Morrison, vice-president; J. T. Dagler, secretary; A. D. Washington, corresponding secretary; S. D. McCree, treasurer; E. J. Graham, parliamentarian; R. B. Wilson, sergeant-at-arms; A. Deans, chaplain; A. McMorris, chairman of the reception committee; A. W. McEwen and C. E. Brent, assistant secretaries.

MODERN SERFDOM.



Oh, wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me?

DR. WASHINGTON IN ATLANTA.

Special to The Freeman.

ATLANTA, Ga., December 31.—Announcement is made that Dr. Booker T. Washington, the famous Tuskegee educator, will speak at the Auditorium-Armory the last week in January, under the auspices of the First Congregational Church, of which Rev. H. H. Proctor is pastor.

EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA.

Special to The Freeman.

M. W. Hill, cook, arrived in the city last week to make this his future home. Mr. Hill is from Omaha, Neb., and was much surprised with the mild weather we were having in comparison to his home city.... Prayer meeting was held last week at Rev. Taylor's residence, 633 Clark street.... Arthur Jones and A. J. Goode were entertained at dinner at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Jones, Christmas.... Mr. and Mrs. B. Massie entertained Mr. and Mrs. Noy Pierson Christmas at a well-prepared feast.... Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Mitchell entertained the following guests Christmas evening: Mesdames G. J. Jones, Blanche Massie and Lulu Pierson; Messrs. G. J. Jones, J. Massie, Noy Pierson, C. J. Shoeman, Lewis Shoeman, Arthur Jones and A. J. Goode. Games, music and refreshments composed the evening's program.... Mr. W. E. Shakaford, formerly of St. Paul, now of Winsipeg, was in the city last week. Mr. Shakaford is the chef on the general manager's private car of the Grand Trunk Pacific railroad.... The Church of God has been holding special services at Ross and Syndicate for the last ten days.... H. Gus Hall writes from Tuscaloosa, Fla., that he has been hardly able to get around. He says we can expect him here any time after April.... Mr. and Mrs. Noy Pierson entertained A. J. Goode, Arthur Jones and Daniel Hayes of Clover Bar at dinner Sunday the 26th ultimo.... The International Sextette were at the Empire last week. Their songs and dancing made quite a hit.... Mrs. Jones has been on the sick list since Christmas with a severe cold.... Watch meeting was held at the temporary church New Year's eve. The main speakers of the evening were Rev. J. B. Barbour, Rev. Taylor and Mose Riley. .... Davis and Walker, colored singers and dangers, who according to eastern reports in this paper are topnotchers there, are to appear for three nights, beginning with the 17th inst.... Leave all news matter, advertisements, subscriptions, changes of address, or any complaint of not receiving The Freeman, etc., with Clifford C. Mitchell, the Edmonton correspondent. Call 240 Jasper avenue East, 'phone 1637, or address P. O. Box 845.

KANKAKEE, ILL.

Miss E. G. Walker entertained friends at her birthday dinner Saturday, January 1.... Mrs. Ettie Smith, of Champaign, Ill., is visiting her mother during the holidays. .... Mrs. Henry Waits entertained friends at her home January 1. There was good music and a nice crowd.... Mr. Robert Weems took friends out for a pleasant evening Saturday. They were entertained at the Royal Theater, and after the show refreshments were served at the ice cream parlor.

EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

RED MOON COMPANY GIVES EXCELLENT SHOW

BOTTOM WILL DROP OUT OF RACE ISSUE

When White Men Understand the Present Negro, Says Bob Cole—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Oliver Entertain.

By Cary B. Lewis.

Special to The Freeman.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The "Red Moon" shed its effulgent rays at the Avenue Theater last week, with Cole and Johnson as the two "men in the moon," who make the planet a far livelier place of abode than this tame old earth.

Bob Cole was greater than ever. His song "Pliny," with a chorus of girls, and his comedy imitation of playing upon the banjo, lit up by electric lights, was one of the most unique novelties seen among colored shows.

Rosamond Johnson, as straight man, always looks well his part, and he played it to perfection. While he is a composer of the ripest sort, he also makes a splendid actor. His pianologue was neatly introduced, and his "Woola Hoola" was a scream. The great laugh provoker was "Run, Billy Possum."

Following the work of the stars is the work of Mrs. Aida Overton Walker. Her "Pickininney Days" was best of the evening, while others liked the "Wild Fire Dance." She is very clever, and, like Katisha's left elbow, is worth coming miles to see. Her work is all artistic, and appeals to the finer sensibilities of the most intelligent.

Miss Leona Marshall, a Louisville girl, looked her part well, and is taking many encores in the part of Minnehaha. Fannie Wise, the nightingale of the company, sings with sweetness and clearness, and does her part as a trained actress.

Frank Fowler Brown, who is well known here, and who is without an equal as a tenor singer, was rich in his song, "Monterey."

Harry Tolbert, as the Indian Chief, was a high success. His delineation of the Indian character is beyond criticism. Benny Jones, Sam Lucas, Henry Gant and Wesly Jenkins are in a class to themselves, for they surely make good every time they come on the stage.

The girls are crazy about Edgar Connor. "Sambo" captivates everybody. Herbert Sutton's song, "Checkers," is a hit, sung with six other male voices. Mrs. Mollie Dill and Mrs. Elizabeth Williams are two well-known actresses, and lend much to the dramatic and pathetic action to the "Moon."

The chorus work is great. They sing with one collective throat and dance with nimble feet. It is the best musical comedy on the road to-day, and it is a credit to Messrs. Cole and Johnson and the Negro race.

Speaking of playwriting, Mr. Cole said to us: "I hold that the mission of the colored playwright to-day is to help the white man to understand the Negro. When the white man understands the present Negro and begins to realize that he is not the same creature of fifty years ago, the bottom will drop out of the race issue."

The "Red Moon," in our opinion, is doing a splendid thing in getting a brighter side of Negro life before the public, possibly softening race prejudice and demonstrating the talent that is in the race.

Mr. Johnson is now preparing the music for two new shows next season, while Mr. Cole is about ready with the plots and lyrics. With their ability and knowledge of stagecraft and playwriting, we predict two of the greatest musical comedies that have been on the American stage.

The female members of the company are pretty and charming. They are attractive and work splendidly throughout the performance. The men are handsome and sing well. Mayme Butler's fine contralto voice was greatly missed here. She was ill during the entire week. Little Miss Daisy Brown was also ill and was unable to play. She expects to meet the company in Chicago. While here she was under the medical attention of Dr. James H. Fitzbutler. She had an attack of pneumonia. Exceedingly clever was the work of Miss Marie Young, who takes the part of Wanetia. While she is endowed with hair and color of an Indian, she also acts the part to perfection.

Among the members of the company were Misses Coleman, Deas, Bluford, Hackley, Brown, Potter, Oliver, Taylor, Gee, Dean, Harris, Sipp, Allen, Townsend and Jarret; Messrs. Delyons, Phelps, Mitchel, Brown, Craig, Tunsell, Patterson and Hill.

Mr. Freeman has become the musical director, and is doing the work very satisfactorily. Mr. Hunter is stage manager and Miss Belle Morgan wardrobe mistress.

Next the show will be in Detroit, and the following week in Chicago.

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Mr. Snowden, of Chicago, Ill. was in the city last week.

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Mrs. Julia Brown, of Indianapolis, spent a few days here during the holidays.

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Miss Pearl Roberts has returned to the city, after spending the holidays in Mitchell, Ind.

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Misses Lettie and Anna Todd were in the city last week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Neros Jennings.

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Mrs. Aida Overton Walker was the guest of Miss Lizzie Evans. Miss Ida Bluford was also a guest of Mrs. Evans.

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Misses Laura and Iona Smith, of Lexington, Ky., were in the city last week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Guy W. Smith.

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Messrs. Cole and Johnson tendered several members of the company a special Kentucky oyster supper. Many of the guests did not take much to the food at first, but after it was well seasoned they

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Majors' Melange.

Many men have reached the end of their ambition without traveling in an automobile. The man whose time is worth many dollars a minute must travel fast; but the man upon whom time hangs heavily, although he may have the money to purchase an automobile, can just as well get to where he's going by the old-time method.

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The Negro Business League is one of the accomplishments of Dr. Booker T. Washington.

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The contemplated Negro world's fair of fiftieth anniversary of freedom, is another cherished and fond hope to which the distinguished man of Tuskegee has expressed a willingness to apply his colossal ingenuity, which is sufficient guarantee that it will be a joyful realization in 1913.

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Although it appears that the race is progressing slowly, it is a sure sign that we are in the great speedway taxing the hurrying car to the limit. Large bodies move slowly it always appears to the close observer. The fact is, there is less friction, greater facility, less noise and rumble, and more quiet work done by much skill and along greatly improved lines. We are going at a fast clip, to be sure. Again, our friends are not all dead; and besides, God lives.

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We reap what we sow. This is a truth that needs no bolstering up by fictitious effort, even should it be heralded as a proclamation of wonder. The man or woman who persists, in spite of the odds against them, to do good deeds will in the end (and it often comes soon) reap a reward in the form of blessings. It may be prosperity in life, or the golden crown of being agreeably known; while on the other hand, those who are continually doing evil will certainly come into what they are looking for. This is a rule well nigh infallable.

It is not a question as to whether anybody knows of the good or evil you do. The good does not have to be substantiated by an observer, neither does the evil have to be ridiculed. It is a truth that is compelled to stand the ravage of time.

The entire country is rapidly awakening to this truth, and especially the South, which has so long been tyranical to the teachings of the Golden Rule.

The ministry is arousing itself, and preaching against immorality and intemperance.

Those in government authority are investigating the spirit of graft in nation, state and civic affairs.

Oh! the world is getting better. Better men and women are coming to the front and giving the best of all that is good in them to right the long-set wrong.

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This writer may have been prejudged by many as unfair in a bill of particulars where he, as an observer, sees evil lurking athwart the path of race progress. We cannot afford to charge mal-feasance or conjure evil forebodings to those who are carrying the race burden, although reasoning from a different point of view. Mrs. Barnett persists in fulminating Dr. Booker T. Washington, whom the entire world endorses, who travels nature up to the sharp peak of her sublimest heights. It is such a pity that tickling rheums should ever tease the heart and blur the sight of oracles like these!

And yet, we like to magnify the good in those who, like Mrs. Barnett, see naught in us but that which she alone condemns. Recently, as in the Cairo, Ill., lynching, Mrs. Barnett showed many of her loyal traits to her race. Her travel to the blood curdling scene, and availing herself of all the facts appertaining to the case, and presenting said facts before Governor Deneen, who does not dissemble (for he is an honest chief executive, who means to do the right in all things) had much to do in turning down Sheriff Davis when he applied for reinstatement. The good lady well nigh made herself a heroine and placed every individual of any race upon the plain of gratitude for the part she took in getting the law sustained. Whatever good may be accomplished by any individual, aside from the noblest promptings of a good heart, when dealing with public questions, it must be remembered that back of the individual whose soul is fettered with the cause of the helpless stands the political strength of the race which, more than anything else, counts in the summing up in all matters wherein appeal is made to officers of the law. Mrs. Barnett should not forget that it is this same force, together with his fitness, that has kept her husband earning a lucrative salary.

Mrs. Barnett has for many years carried on a relentless war against lynching, and much is due her, perhaps as much or more than John Mitchell, Jr., and Thomas Fortune, whose tide of invective has ever overflowed against this infamous mob spirit. Much credit is ever due those whose hearts burn with celestial fire, and whose lives are wedded to the sacred cause of fighting against oppression in any form. She has distinguished herself on two continents by her hostile advocacy against this terrible monster, lynching. The newspapers of the country and chiefly those published by the race have ever been wholesome in their praise of her devotion to the cause which seems to lay so near her good heart.

The Chicago Conservator has done itself proudly by its timely acknowledgment of the recent accounting she achieved in behalf of the entire race, but this peculiar work which fits Mrs. Barnett so well can hardly be done by those whom public sentiment calls "big" Negroes, and whom public sentiment condemns as black demons, etc.

A future generation, yet unborn, will browse along the intellectual highway in literature and public print, and it will not fail to take note of her sacrifice and her great name written in living letters in all the annals of race history. She will not be understood, selfishness will be charged up to her, where he keenest devotion is given, by those who know her in life's imperfection. Another age will not refuse to bless her with the laurel wreath; another era crown her for the cause which prompted her to serious deeds.

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Chicago, Ill.

DALLAS, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Christmas was much more enjoyably spent in the metropolis this Christmas among our people than ever before in the history of the city. It is the general belief of many that our people have profited much by the past records of the various mixing of large crowds, and the dull seasons of the previous year, with the scarcity of money, that made each one think of useful commodities for the homes, instead of large quantities of useless trash in the shape of toys and fireworks. We hope that it will continue throughout the new year, and that the masses will continue to look into the betterment instead of the various courts. A reporter's peep into the beautiful homes of some of those where the open doors were had to their many friends and visitors during the holidays were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Mays, Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Will Middleton, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. R. T. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Prof. J. H. Polk, Mrs. Newby and Mrs. Penn, Mr. and Mrs. D. Ware, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mays, Mrs. J. G. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie E. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Scott,....Mr. W. R. Offord, president and manager of the Waiters' and Porters' Club, at Boise, Idaho, spent a few days here visiting relatives and friends during holiday week. While here he ordered The Freeman for the club....The Young Men's Club of Muskogee enjoyed a jolly time while here. They were the guests at a dinner party at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Andrews....Mrs. Wiley Howard and Mrs. Ed Wilburn enjoyed a pleasant stay at Fort Smith, Ark., during the holidays, visiting relatives and friends....Dr. F. P. Mays was here visiting his sons and friends holiday week....Mrs. Cala Jackson, of Pittsburg, and Mrs. Ella Buchanan visited Mrs. M. L. Johnson, their sister, during the holidays....Hon. G. W. Wilson is progressing nicely in the setting up of Tabor Temples in the metropolis....The Texas Social, the Waiters' and Porters' and the Lasso Clubs held open doors to their members and friends all the holidays....As you journey this way see J. G. Griffin about The Freeman, at 190 Main street....Mr. J. A. Gilmore made a flying trip to Calvert and Navasota Christmas week....All the churches held special services in the holidays, which were largely attended, with a full attendance on watch night....Many lodges have begun planning for new work for this year, which, if accomplished, will raise a much higher standard for fraternities here....Let those who are not in some organization stop, look and consider the great good that organized efforts are doing for the race, and the difference is easily summed up on the right side of the ledger....Mr. G. A. Thomas and his bride spent a short while in the city, and were shown many courtesies by friends and acquaintances. ....While here Dr. Charles H. Phillips and his bride were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Frank Hawkins....W. A. Rice, of Denver, Col., was here mingling with old friends and making new ones....Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crittendon enjoyed a part of their Christmas in Mineral Wells....Many visitors were here all through the holidays.

NEWS FROM FORT RUSSELL AND CHEYENNE, WYO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

On Friday afternoon, December 24, 1909, the officers' ladies, under the direction of Chaplain Priolieu, Ninth Cavalry, gave to the children of the post their usual Christmas tree. In addition, the chapel choir, assisted by the Ninth Cavalry Band, under the leadership of Prof. W. H. Hammond, rendered quite a delightful program. The exercises opened with song and overture, "Joy to the World," band and choir, followed by a vocal solo, "Dear Little Stranger," Mrs. John Floyd; "Victorious America," Ninth Cavalry Band; duet, Luther's "Cradle Hymn," Corporal Bryant and Private Wilson; waltz, "Invitation La Valse," Ninth Cavalry Band; song, "Jesus Christ, Our Lord," chapel choir; "America," choir and bnad. After the distribution of presents, refreshments were served....Mesdames Armstrong, Hammilton, Kelly and Priolieu, Chaplain and Mrs. Priolieu left Saturday evening for Kansas City, Kans., where the chaplain is to take part in the meeting of the "Interstate"....A grand Christmas ball was given by Troops I and K, Saturday afternoon and evening, at their quarters. Refreshments were served during the entertainment. The Ninth Cavalry Orchestra, under the direction of Prof, Hammond, furnished music....At the Allen A. M. E. Church, Cheyenne, Rev. Jas. Washington, pastor, Sunday evening, December 26, was held the annual Christmas service. After a short lecture by the pastor, the service opened with a duet, organ and piano, "Melody in F," Rubinstein, Mrs. Gilmore and Miss Jefferson; vocal solo, Mrs. J. E. Smith; selection, Ninth Cavalry Orchestra; recitation, Mr. J. E. Lonard; vocal solo, Miss S. K. Thistle; anthem, choir; instrumental solo, Mrs. J. A. Baker; trio, Mrs. Landor, Miss Hopkins, Mr. Jefferson; address by the pastor; selection, Ninth Cavalry Orchestra; chant, Apostles' Creed, choir; offertory, choir and orchestra; benediction. All were invited to attend the watch meeting Friday evening, December 31, 1909.

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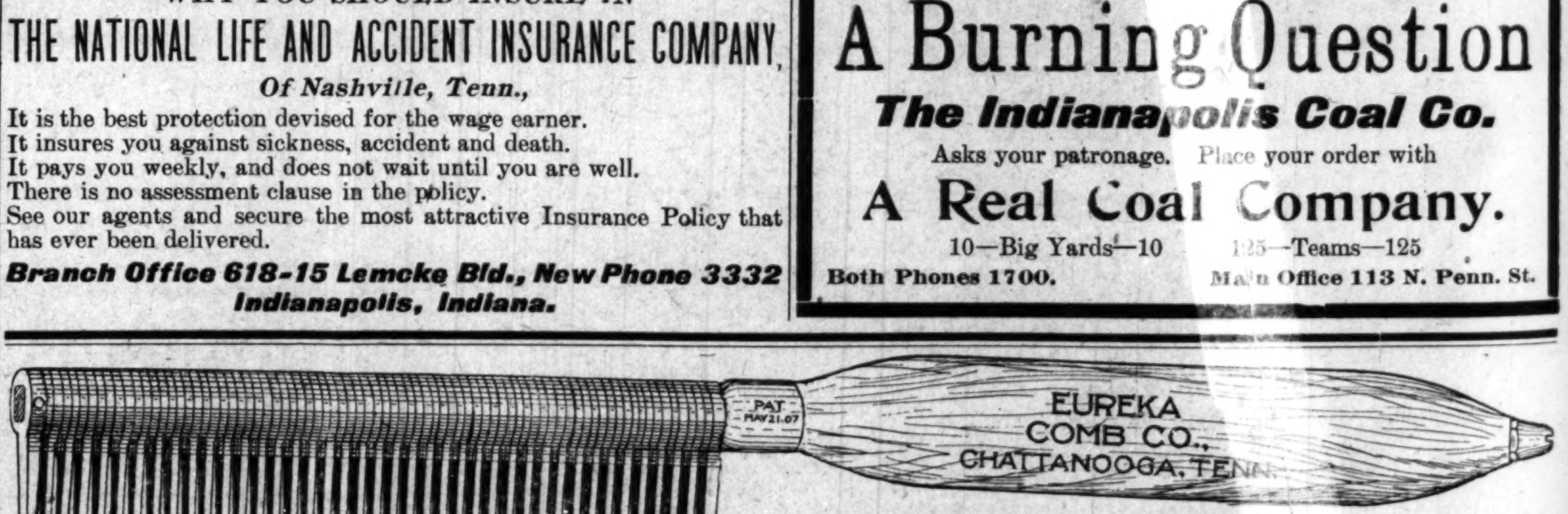

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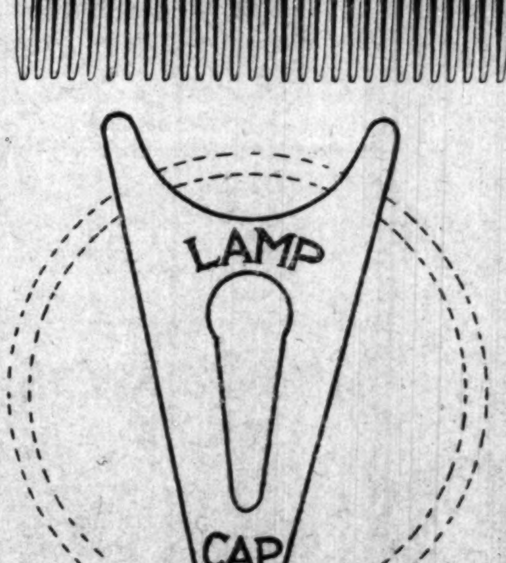

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THE NATIONAL NEGRO EXPOSITION.

Mrs. Fannie Barrier Williams, in Illinois Chronicle.

The largest project in the public mind is the proposed exposition in 1913, to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the emancipation of the American Negro from bondage. This project evolved out of the busy brain of Dr. Booker T. Washington and is both romantic and inspiring in its scope and importance to both the Negro and the white people in this great republic. The idea of such undertaking seemed so large, when first announced, that few people grasped its far-reaching significance. Indeed, the reading and thoughtful people have just begun to realize what it all means; but as the idea grows enthusiasm awakens, and an eager looking forward toward the consumation of the plan is everywhere manifest. In every part of the country the responsible men and women of the race are beginning to study the project in all of its possible advantages or disadvantages.

The National Negro Business League, the most responsible organization of Negro men and women in the country, has taken hold of the idea in a thoroughly business-like manner and has given it the impress of its influence. Since the Business League so enthusiastically endorsed the exposition project and pledged to it all the support at its command interest has widened and deepened.

This growing interest is shown in the following ways:

(1) An almost universal demand from every part of the country, regardless of color or nationality, that Dr. Washington take the lead in the development of the proposed exposition.

(2) Dr. Washington has indicated his willingness to serve as leader of the movement provided he can be assured the hearty support of both the white and colored people throughout the country.

(3) The scope of the exposition is designed to show how, even in slavery, the Negro was able to vindicate his manhood and lay the foundation for future progress.

(4) It will be the first time in the history of the modern world of a dark race putting itself on exhibition in a spectacular way and showing in its mental, social and economic achievements that in fifty years the Negro race in this country has made greater progress than any similar group of Negroes anywhere in the world.

The way to make this proposed exposition an epoch-making success is for everybody now and everywhere to boom it in every possible way. No great enterprise of this comprehensive character can ripen into the success intended without the utmost enthusiasm. Every church, every lodge, every organization of any kind and all kinds, should feel that now is the opportunity to do something that is bound to have an important and far-reaching effect on the future of the Negro race in this country. The thing to do is to begin now to create a widespread interest in this proposed exposition. Public meetings, with ringing resolutions, sermons, prize essays among the boys and girls, speeches in schools and colleges should be earnestly planned for and everything possible done to arouse the interest of the masses of our people. Nothing short of a tremendous success will satisfy the undertaking. A failure, or even a partial failure, will do us more harm than can be overcome in a decade.

This celebration of fifty years of freedom in the American republic can, if we have intelligence, race pride, race loyalty and enthusiasm enough, make the American people, in the presence of the story of our achievements, forget their prejudice and injustice.

We have a right to feel confident that at no time in our history have we been so well prepared and so well equipped with the materials and forces that make for progress as we are today.

We must also realize that this celebration is to be no county fair with prize quilts and alleged art, but an exposition of the big and important exhibits that would spell progress for any people and justify their display the world over.

Let everybody begin now to proudly wear a 1913 exposition button!

THE CENSUS OF 1910 AND THE NEGRO PEOPLE.

No people should be more interested in the success of the United States census, to be taken April 15, 1910, than the colored people. What is wanted is the truth about the condition and progress of the Negro people. Nine persons out of ten in speaking and writing about the Negroes draw on their imaginations or their prejudices.

The 1900 census is probably the best source of information in the world concerning the Negro race in the United States. Let us see to it that the next census gives us more knowledge and more accurate information than ever before.

How is this to be done? Uncle Sam spends millions of dollars and years of labor on the work. It is up to the colored people to see that every man, woman and child is counted; that every dollar's worth of property is recorded, no more and no less; that every child that is in or out of school shall be enumerated.

Uncle Sam is the teacher trying to find out how his children are getting along. If you do not report accurately, you cannot expect the teacher to praise you for your merits or to correct you when you are not doing as well as it is possible for you to do.

Director Durand of the census bureau requests the active co-operation of the colored ministers, teachers, journalists and other leaders of the race in the important work of instructing the colored people in the methods of the enumeration to be taken, beginning April 15, 1910.

In response to the requests of colored people and their friends that special consideration be given to the census of the Negro people, the director has secured the ervices of Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones of Hampton Institute, Virginia, for this work.

Dr. Jones has for number of years been studying Southern problems. He is recognized by the colored people as a sympathetic student of their problems. His educational equipment was South and of the North.

In 1900 he won the prize fellowship obtained in the universities of the of $650 in sociology at Columbia University, and later obtained his Ph. D. degree at the same institution. Since that time Dr. Jones has been engaged in research work among the colored people of the South.

The accuracy of the census depends upon the interest and intelligence of the supervisors, and enumerators, who are to ask the questions, and also upon the intelligent co-operation of those who are to reply. Dr. Jones will endeavor to use both of these elements.

The first task, is to awaken the interest of the Negro people in the census. The second is to acquaint them with the difficulties of the inquiries and prepare them to give correct answers. In this work, the press, the church and school are the most effective agencies.

From time to time useful information will be issued to the public. It is hoped that the census bureau will receive the hearty co-operation of all colored people that the next census may be a true picture of the colored people of the United States.

BASEBALL MAGNATES WRONG. ILL ADVICE THE CAUSE.

By David Wyatt.

It is not generally known, but for years there has been a constant effort on the part of well meaning Negro business men to put baseball upon a proper footing and a paying basis. Scores of business men have tried it, only to discard all thoughts of the business; but not until they had sunk all kinds of money in a venture of which they practically knew but little of and one of which they had but a slight chance to learn. These so-called business men, as a rule, always made it a point to surround themselves with a lot of friends or relatives who knew about enough of baseball affairs so as to enable themselves to enumerate all the players on some big league club or tell what team won the pennant years ago. Quite often it occurs that some would-be ball player, whose only stock in trade is possession of a statistical account of different things which have taken place in baseball. These he had carefully stored away in an old suitcase, and after repeated references to the same he is able to deliver an oration (?) which readily carries him into the good graces of the intended or would-like-to-be magnates.

The brand of information handed out by these bone-headed ill-advisers has caused many a person lurking in the dark with a large bundle of money to see the light of day.

Promoter Easy Victim.

The first part of the business of these self-styled know-it-alls is to convince the unsuspecting "mag" that he be hailed as dictator in chief; this being necessary (?) in order to secure the cream of the baseball talent needed. After making his intended victime believe that he has a monopoly upon the services of all the players in the country, he suddenly expresses a desire to explore the mysterious caverns of his purse, the request usually with a nice little financial touch, which is commonly known as advance money. This initial touch is always easy; then information upon the same is sent broadcast to all parts of the country, and soon the promoter's mail is overrun with applications for positions, each letter containing baseball records which would make a "Hans" Wagner feel sick. These are always accompanied by a neat little request for "advance" money.

The promoter soon finds this to be the most active part of his business. The majority of these applications come from a lot of has-been or never-was baseball players, who have been put "hip" to the intended "mag" by his knobs, the dictator-in-chief, who, by now, has been "dubbed" manager.

The latter usually passes opinion upon all applicants, and in accordance with fixed principles and framed for such occasions, he invariably selects a bunch of sen-nagambians, who would do themselves more honor upon some neighboring brick yard in ten hours than they could ever hope to gain upon a baseball diamond.

Selection of Uniform.

The choice of uniform becomes the next important item of business after scanning over all colors, from a bright red to all colors contained in the rainbow; one is usually selected more fit to stand the unnecessary trouble of laundering and so styled as to conform to the needs of the player, who, by the way, has left home neglecting to carry along a supply of shirts.

Then we are ready for the real biz. In the meantime the manager, who is occupying enough positions to ordinarily require the services of three or four intelligent men, has sent out a circular chain of letters with requests for dates at any terms, just so they can play. It quite often happens that through the fortune of good luck the first few towns played in have had a taste of baseball years ago, and, having been in the graveyard class for so long, they welcome with overflowing purses the advent of the ebony-huged athletes, and turn enmasse. This tickles the newly-made "mag", and after he has turned a few wagers upon the games into cash this serves to act as a salve, which makes smooth traveling for a while.

Now, after cleaning up a number of old washer-women teams, the promoter claims he has the greatest team in the world, and seeks higher game. This high game, as a rule, is always quite a distance from them; and in order to reach these, it falls to the lot of the wiser manager to burn gallons of midnight oil searching through railroad maps, looking up towns enroute and generally putting himself in touch with all wagon road lines, etc. Soon everything is all cut and dried for the trip, the "mag" carring along a bundle of long green big enough to choke an elephant; this for beeting purposes, no doubt. The team, by the way, encounters some "tartars" enroute, thereby causing the "mag's" large wallet to become shrunken to such proportions as to make telegraphing home necessary.

Magnate Gets Wiser.

The "mag" by this time has learned a few things, mainly through contact with real baseball men and sight of plays upon the part of opposing teams which caused him to sit up and take notice. After making a few jumps the distance of which would bankrupt a big league club and after a few gumshoe consultations, some energetic player on the team taking part, he thereby tells his manager in so many words that he don't like his schedule ideas and brands him as being more fit for bat boy than anything else.

This is followed by a demand for a change of position for the old manager, and trouble on the team begins. Some pitcher is called upon to work that day; he being a friend to the old manager, he feigns sickness. Another takes up the burden, and after pitching his arm off in a game, which he should have won, he loses through an error, at a critical moment, upon the part of some other player. This causes an argument right upon the diamond which is settled only after the "mag" has threatened to drop 'em all right there.

The argument is renewed, of course, after the hotel is reached, providing they are quartered at one, and quite often news of such occurrences is sent on ahead and serves as the main reason for colored teams having to seek shelter in some barn for the night, or to dress in some old wood shed with provisions for hanging their clothes upon the floor.

Quite often some player who knows about as much of the rules of baseball as a horse does about grammar will take exception to some decision of the umpire, and, after giving the latter a severe tongue lashing, he ends up with such antics as to cause the crowd to suppress him with threats of the rope. It is seen that the conduct of the team has reached such a stage of rottenness and their playing is in harmony with the same, the "mag" is forced to inaugurate strict rules of discipline, quite often requires the display of a gun.

In the meantime the road has been so rocky for the magnate that he has overlooked the profit and loss end of the business, but nevertheless has good reason for believing the account seriously out of balance. The players get together again and pull off a few wins and continue to perform in a manner which keeps the half-worn-out "mag" in the game to the close of the season.

Three Years the Limit.

Invariably after a long, cold winter spell, the promoter forgets the troubles of the past season and starts again. It is not long before the same old troubles develop, and he makes up his mind to quit right then and there. But rather than face the humiliation of failure and being branded as a quitter, he continues only to be jollied into trying it one more season which ultimately proves his last.

It is a fact that three years is about as long a term as any ball player can figure upon employment by colored promoters of baseball; after that he must seek the tall timber unless some lucky turn of affairs changes to his benefit. These facts have been shown upon numerous occasions.

The best paying stock companies that succumbed after three-year trials were the Columbia Giants, Algoon, St. Paul Gophers, and I might say the famous Leland Giants. The Keystones of Minnesota have played out their second year.

The business of all these clubs was looked after by Negroes, with the exception of the Algoon, the Cuban Giants and Philadelphia Giants, who have been in the business for years, are owned by white men. Of all our so-called great colored teams which are classed as big ones there is but one owned by a colored man, and that is serving out a long sentence, and it is booked by whites. The club referred to is the Royal Giants of Brooklyn.

This looks bad for baseball on the part of our colored magnates, and it can be traced to bad advice.

ADVERTISE FOR FIGHTER.

Want Ad Used to Find an Opponent for Langford.

Pittsburg, December 31.—"Wanted—Information that will lead to the engagement of some fighter who can be got into the ring with Sam Langford without the use of a team of horses. Good money for the fighter, who may be big or little, but the bigger the beter."

This was the advertisement placed in the Pittsburg evening papers yesterday by the Empire Athletic Club of Pittsburg, which has for more than two weeks been trying to get some one to go into the ring with the Boston Tar Baby for six rounds on the night of January 11.

Langford has been signed to come here and fight on that date before the Empire Club, and. though Sam affixed his signature to open articles and gave the promoters the right to secure any man in the world, with the solitary exception of Jim Jeffries, the engagement of another pug to go against the "man killer" has proved a difficult task.

Joe Jeanette was first approached on the subject, but that dusky giant thinks he can get more money in Boston. Al Kaufmann dodged the issue by hooking up for a match with Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Jim Barry is the one fighter honest enough to admit that he has no chance with Langford in six rounds, and says he will consider no match with him under twenty. The Empire Club officials thought they had Al Kubiak for the job, but he will not be back from Europe in time.

JOHNSON WINS BATTLE WITH AID OF LAWYERS

Largely Because Opponents Fail to Make a Case.

Special to The Freeman.

Chicago, December 31.—Jack Johnson, champion of the world, scored a victory over Yank Kenny, a former trainer, in Municipal Judge Hume's court yesterday, although no question of the fistic championship was involved. Kenny was suing Johnson for salary during a time that Johnson had dispensed with his services, Kenny claiming a contract. The case was continued to January 13, after Judge Hume had said that he would have to find for Johnson, as Kenny had not made out a case. Kenny's attorney wanted more time in which to submit questions of law.

Johnson was sued by Kenny for $2,000, which amount the latter alleges is due him from the colored boxer for training fees, in addition to $1.25 Kenny paid to send Johnson's baggage to him.

Johnson threw back his fur coat collar, displaying a large diamond shirt stud, drew off his big fur mittens, disclosing another sparkler of equal size, and took a seat opposite Yank. The fighters glared at each other.

Kenny was the first to take the stand. He testified Johnson had engaged him in New York on April 23, 1909, to act as sparing partner for a year. Johnson and George Little, the latter's manager, had agreed to pay him $60 a week for his services and railway transportation. Kenny said he had received only $480.

"What does your work consist of?" asked Attorney Monehan.

"Well, I chopped wood, chased cows, pigs, horses and anything I could find around the place. I did not train Johnson, for he was running around in his automobile from morning until night."

Jack Johnson, still wearing his bland smile, took the stand and made a valiant effort to remember things. He declared that he had only employed Kenny for three weeks, and said that he had paid him at the end of each week.

MANY LOSE LIVES IN 1909 IN FIELD OF SPORT

Bicycling Leads, with Football and Baseball Close—Casualty List Totals 124.

Special to The Freeman.

CHICAGO, January 1.—One hundred and twenty-four persons lost their lives during the year 1909 in various fields of sport, and 16 were seriously injured, according to statistics compiled here, published to-day. These figures do not include automobile accidents, which claimed the lives of 562 persons and injured 2,225 in 1909. The following table shows how the victims died:

	Killed.	Injured.
Baseball	30	74
Football	31	246
Basketball	3	1
Roller skating	3	4
Foot races	0	2
Prize fights	4	0
Bicycling	34	148
Hockey	0	2
Horse racing	1	9
Wrestling	1	2
Ballooning	9	17
Hammer throwing	1	0
Lacrosse	0	4
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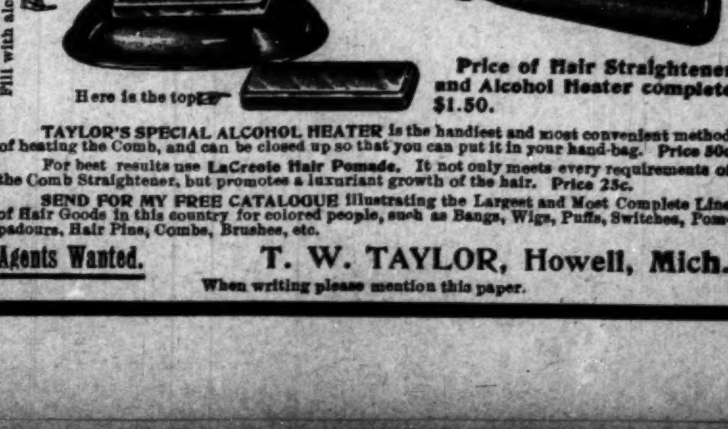
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SATURDAY, JAN. 8, 1910.

Jail is a fine antidote for the lynching fever.

"Waiting for the cat to die" is a tiresome business—so the office-seekers say.

Discharge from office makes a sheriff feel that lynching is a crime, to be resisted at the risk of all the lives a man has.

The eminent Tennesseans, now languishing in the Washington jail will think three times thrice before they mix up in another lynching bee.

New York is the logical seat of the next convention of the National Negro Business League. Everybody wants to go where they spell business with a capital B.

If any one knows the present address of Granville T. Woods, the noted electrician, he will please send the same to D. W. Bromnn, 263 South Nineteenth street, Columbus, Ohio. The favor will be appreciated.

Editor Harry Smith of the Gazette, Cleveland, Ohio, in a recent issue of his paper boasts that he did not vote for either Taft or Bryan, he is congratulating himself. Well who did he vote for? Perhaps for Debs.

Race unity, church unity, lodge unity, these are indispensable elements of progress, and is most enchanting music of the age for colored America. Shall we keep step with it during th year of our Lord 1910?

America negrophobia is creating the usual disturbane when inoculated in a new patent, although it don't seem to set well on the Island of Cuba, whither it was taken by the ex-confederates appointed by Taft's able predecessor.

The Mosaic Templars have gotten busy in Georgia and are doing a land-office business. It is a Negro organization, founded by a Negro and can not be interfered with by the new secret order law in the South. Grand Master W. M. Alexander is always "on the job" when it comes to guiding the Negro where the best interests of the race lie.

Jack Johnson had better be careful. He should remember that "pride precedest a fall." He had better put away some of that pride and extravagance and get down in humility before his God. He should remember that he has something that the white man wants, and of which his race feels proud that he has. The trouble now is to keep it. Be wise, young man.

The despicable play named "Clansman" has been and gone, and we trust forever, from this city. How the white race can be suited to impose such a diabolical play as that upon the public is more than we can understand, but we feel certain that if that caricature was against any other nationality but the Negro, it would be wiped off the face of the earth. It deserves to be stopped. We appeal to the intelligent of both races to help stop it.

Dr. Ernest Lyon has been Minister to Liberia for six years. As Dr. Washington facetiously remarked at the Lyon-Scott banquet in the nation's capital a few nights ago, "Two more years will make two terms for our distinguished guest, at the end of which time he will, no doubt, be ready and willing to surrender the place to another able and aspiring patriot of the race." Candidates for the Liberan mission will please sit up and take notice.

A Washington wise-acre, who has no love for the Negro as an office-holder anywhere, now dopes it out that the big plums are to go to northern Negroes who can deliver votes for the Republican party. He says those now holding office in the South are to go, one by one, until the platter is clean, and that their successors will invariably be white men—some Democrats and some Republicans. The pie is about ready to cut and we shall soon see what we shall see.

Mayor Bookwalter is now ex-Mayor Charles A. Bookwalter, and it is now your honor, if you please, Mayor Samuel Lewis Shank. The Bookwalter administration speaks for itself. It is now a closed book. "Well done good and faithful." Mayor Samuel Lewis Shank has just begun the making of a record. The Freeman extends its heartiest best wishes for the new mayor. We shall keep a watchful eye on his doings from now on, shall critisize him when occasion warrants and praise him when occasion merit the same. We shall see what we shall see. More anon.

The Spokane (Wash.) Chronicle says that many of the colored soldiers now stationed at Fort George Wright, near that place, members of the Twenty-fifth Regiment, U. S. Army, are making a large collection of Philippine curios with the intention of sending them to Tuskegee Institute for the school museum. In this worthy plan it is not difficult to detect the "fire Italian hand" of Chief Musician Elbert Williams, of the Twenty-fifth Infantry Band, who served most capably as band leader at Tuskegee, and whose love for the institution never diminishes, no matter in what field his lot may be cast.

What is the sense of the race trying to unrace itself, or to get away from itself, the individuality of any race is significant. No race or people, or tribe, or nation, ever amounted to any thing that was ashamed of its identity. Let the race be true to itself. Climb from the depths of poverty, despair and race hatred to the very apex that shall be glorious in art, literature, science, religion, education and politics. Dive to the depths and rise to the highest heights, so that when the roll is called for great men and women in any of those lines that you and I may be there to answer to our names. CLIMB.

Rev. Dr. R. H. Boyd, the indomitable, irrepressable, progressive founder and manager, secretary and treasurer of the National Publishing House of Nashville has our sympathetic good wishes in all his laudable undertakings for the good of the race and the growth of the great baptist denomination with which he is identified, and in manner and style of work he is premier. We thank the good doctor for the Christmas gift of the Negro doll, a sample of which should be in every Negro home in the land, also congratulate him for the issuing of such a magnificent journal as the "Review," a weekly that will make its own way with the readable people of all denominations.

Reader, remember this—it is no idle dream, and we are not egotistic, that when you read The Freeman you read the best journal owned and published by the Negro race in America. This is vouched for by men and women of both races, whose opinions are worth crediting. The Freeman is not a plate, patent back and front, aimless, objectless, fieldless namby pamby, truckling sycophant, but a paper of ideas and opinions and backbone, with a field entirely of its own, a leader and defender for the race that, under no circumstances, will sacrifice a principle. It has the moral courage of its convictions, and the moral courage to state those convictions, whether they work for or against—pre-eminently, a paper for the race's true progress and advancement in all lines of praiseworthy endeavor, whether religious, literary, sport or scientific. We think it significant that we can boast of having one of the sons of Indianapolis, a business young man of ability and sense who is the business manager of The Freeman, and who is popular with all the staff and co-laborers, and whose genius is recognized, his name being Elwood C. Knox.

Governor Noel, of Mississippi, has appointed Colonel Gordon, of Oklahoma, to succeed the late Senator A. J. McLaurin, and to fill the unexpired term of the aforenamed Senator. We understand that the Governor's principal motive in appointing Colonel Gordon is to convey a compliment to the soldiers of the Confederacy. This is the same Colonel Gordon that the Federal authorities once offered $10,000 reward for his capture dead or alive for alleged conspiracy in the murder of a President of the United States, and now he is to be a member of the legislative body of that country, isn't this nauseating? Where is American patriotism? What other country on the face of the civilized globe would stand for such an outrage as this? In all seriousness, we again ask, "Shall the war amendments be nullified? We understand that ex-Governor Vardaman is planning for the permanent appointment, and his prayer and wish is to get there for one purpose only, and that he announced some time ago as being "for the nullification of the war amendments," and things political are looking a little dark just now—and there's no denying it. Earnestly, we appeal to thinking men and women of the race to read the signs of the times politically and tell us if the Negro citizen is losing or gaining ground?

A MISCHIEF-MAKER REBUKED.

The Nashville Globe administers a timely rebuke to the meddlesome editor of the Allen Student, who tries to make gullible folks believe there is a terrible warfare going on between Dr. Booker T. Washington and Dr. W. T. Vernon, and that the former is making a desperate effort to get Vernon out of the office of Register of the Treasury to make a place for Mr. J. C. Napier. The Globe very properly administers a hard kick to the bumptious Student for intimating that the people of Tennessee were mulcted by Mr. Napier to pay for the recent tour of Dr. Washington through the State of Tennessee, so that he might ride into the treasury on the "Wizard's" shoulders.

As a matter of fact the people of Tennessee were delighted to have Dr. Washington in the State, and are satisfied that his words of wisdom had a very beneficial effect upon both races at every point that the party touched. Everbody feels especially indebted to Mr. Napier for making the trip a possibility, and for contributing so liberally of his time and means to make it a triumphant success. In the matter of aspiring to public office, Mr. Napier will win on his merits as an upright citizen, as a faithful and result-producing party worker, and as a man of exceptional capacity for the administration of large affairs. If Dr. Washington endorses him it is no more than the united Negroes of Tennessee are doing, and it is the "Wizard's" natural prerogative to indicate his desire to see Mr. Napier recognized, if he wishes to do so. The Globe shows that the Student has no interest in Dr. Vernon, and less in Dr. Washington and Mr. Napier. Its only object is to stir up bad blood and make trouble among useful men, with the race as the ultimate sufferer. The Globe does well to puncture the evil intentions of the mischief-making editor of the Allen Student in season.

THE BOOK OF PHILLIS WHEATLY'S POEMS.

The managing editor presents his compliments to his brilliant young friend and editor, R. R. Wright, Jr., and his charming wife, Mrs. C. C. Wright, for their handsome present of the "Poems of Phillis Wheatly," that reached this office through due course of mail in good condition. We hesitate not to say that in our opinion Editor Wright and wife have rendered the race inestimable service by republishing the beautiful and soul inspiring poems of that splendid specimen of our race from Africa who was God-inspired and God-endowed to give to the world such an early demonstration of the fact that the Negro's intellect was not and is not inferior to the white race or any race of people on the face of the earth. Out of the wilderness of despair, and out of the darkest day of slavery, Phillis Wheatly, a slave girl, emerges with these God-inspired poems that are now refreshed by the efforts of our young friends of the Christian Recorder. On being brought from Africa to America, in poem Phillis speaks thus:

'Twas mercy brought me from my *Pagan* land,
Taught my benighted soul to understand
That there's a God, that there's a *Savior*, too;
Once I redemption neither sought nor knew.
Some view our sable race with scornful eye;
"Their color is a diabolic dye."
Remember, *Christians, Negroes*, black as *Cain*,
May be refined, and join th' angelic train.

We trust Editor Wright will have more demands than he is able to supply, for this book should be in every Negro home in the civilized world.

POLITICALLY, WHAT OF THE NIGHT?

This new year ought to see a great change with the Negro citizens in this country with regard to their party relation, some concerted action should be taken in earnest by the Negro, and for the Negro, else by this time, in the year of our Lord 1911, we may find ourselves completely non-plussed. We are not very far from it now, especially when you consider the number of States which has already disfranchised the Negro, because of color and previous condition of servitude, a most flagrant violation of the United States Constitution, making the people and party that did it a dishonest people and party. The late Frederick Douglas once said that political parties, like individual men, are only strong while they are consistent and honest. We will not here argue the consistency of the Republican party's recent acts or sins of "commission and omission." We assume that our readers are familiar with most of them, but this much we do boldly declare on the house top and in the valley, that we are losing ground, and losing it fast. Our standing with the Republican party may be likened unto a man standing on the vortex of a great precipice, equally as hazardous. The Negro has been losing ever since the Rutherford B. Hayes administration, and now he is practically read out of the party ranks; he is not wanted, and very lately has been told to go. Now what of the night? Where is he to go? Shall he sit and mope and pine himself away? No, rise up and be men. We must not be discouraged and we must not give up. The Negro has the balance of power in his hands in the border and middle west States. He can change the political complexion of those States at any election. This is the weapon. Rise up and use it. Get your ballot gun loaded to shoot down any man or party that stands in the way of political progress and advance of the race. The race must be free, absolutely free, and be protected in the enjoyment of a freeman's rights —the right to live and enjoy the pursuit of happiness, the right to vote in any State and to fill positions in public office of State ond Nation. These are but citizens' rights guaranteed by the Constitution, and the Negro must have these rights simply because they are his rights, and he must be concerned about having those rights reserved untrammelled by any party or parties. "He that would be free, must strike the first blow." We would suggest that from now on, that all over this country, the Negro band together in agreement to pull together, and of one accord agree to cease voting for the Republican party because of the war measures, but agree to vote for men and parties only when those men and parties are in agreement to stand for equal justice and fair play for the Negro citizen. Accept no compromise. The times demand this; the future happiness of posterity demand this. Let us from now on agitate! agitate! agitate!

COLOR LINE IN CUBA; NEGROES MAKE THREATS

Manager of Bar Fined $70 for Overcharging Two Colored Congressmen for Drinks.

Havana, January 4.—The manager of the Plaza bar, which Monday night was the scene of a disturbance because of the fact that two Negro congressmen were overcharged for drinks, was fined $70 in the correctional court yesterday. During the hearing, which was comparatively brief, a mob of blacks jammed the court room and adjacent streets.

Morna Delgrado, Negro president of the Cuban senate, attended and tried to induce the presiding judge to make the fine $1,000, with sixty days' imprisonment in addition, but this the court would not do. Immediately after the trial hundreds of Negroes entered the Plaza hotel, where they demanded and got drinks at ordinary rates. Last night the Negroes continued to walk aggressively up to the bar and demanded they be served. None was refused.

The newspaper Triumfo, organ of the government, says editorially:

"Foreigners shall not import prejudices and hatreds which are suffered in their own homes. The provocation already is bearing fruit and the results may be still more deplorable. Colored citizens of Cuba are no worse than white foreigners and if they find our democratic ideas repugnant they had better get out. No one obliged them to come here, and they must be taught to obey our laws."

The newspaper El Mundo gives vent to similar sentiments. Others refrain from comment.

Police last night guarded the hotel and its approaches, but it was evident they were strongly in sympathy with the Negroes. The upper class of Cubans profess to condemn the attitude of the blacks.

A breakfart was given yesterday morning for United States Minister Morgan, who is retiring from his post here. Many prominent Cubans as well as Americans were in attendance.

So our readers see that American colorphobia creates disturbance whenever inoculated in a new patient. It don't seem to set well on the Island of Cuba, whither it was taken by the southern representatives sent to the island by the late ex-President McKinley and his successor, President Roosevelt, and concurred in by President Taft. We don't think the "southern elixer" of race prejudice will prosper in Cuba, or in any place where the colored races predominate. It ought not to have existence in any land or country.

Fleecy locks and black complexion does
not alter nature's claim;
Skins may differ, but affection dwell in
the white and black the same.

We commend the action of the manly Negroes of the island, and hope they will ever resist any encroachment upon their manhood rights. All should unite in killing the demon of race prejudice. If the white man is not satisfied on the island to do business among its inhabitants without drawing the color line, let him get out, and if necessary help him out.

FACING THE FUTURE.

At this beginning of another year we see an exceedingly bright outlook for the Negro. We have actually passed another milestone on the highway of civilization. Despite the many things of which we Negroes in this our native land may rightly complain, we cannot but feel encouraged to press forward.

The rapid march of favorable events of the last year have changed the suppressed alarm and general pessimism of the beginning of 1909 to an equally general aptimism and prosperity in this beginning of the year 1910. The returning prosperity, the Negroes' notable achievements in industry, in politics and in sport, and the general recognition and respect which is now being accorded the position of the black man, must all account for this happy change in the complexion of Negro affairs. It now seems not too much to state that the Negro's future in this country it not so much a problem as a condition. Our equal citizenship guaranteed by the Constitution and backed by President Taft; mob law, disfranchisement and "Lily Whiteism" placed where we may rest our minds with the assurance that they are in the course of ultimate extinction, today we declare unto you, the Negro's future is in his own hands.—*Editorial in The New York Age.*

We felicitate our esteemed and learned contemporary, and wish sincerely that we could go all the way with him in his expressed optimism, but being an iconoclast, we must ask our learned and distinguished friend if he won't please lead us a little farther in the limelight of our notable political progress, whether he means that locally or nationally, for we are really unable to find any marked progress we as a race have made politically in the nation during the past year. On the other hand, we think we have been losing ground, and believe that the facts in history as made will bear us out when we aver that we have been losing ground politically ever since Rutherford B. Hayes' administration.

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Is that so? Really, brother, you must be dreaming; we have just as much a problem before us now as ever in our history, in fact we feel safe in saying that we have a greater and more intricate problem before us than ever before. In some communities conditions are farther in advance than in others, and yet right there is where our trouble begins. We do not, of course deny that as a race we should continue to improve our condition, but unless every thing therewith is equal we fail to see how we are going to materially benefit thereby, for a person to improve his condition so that he has business, owns his home, and is made to be silent in the government of his city, or state, or town, being denied the right, what doth it profit him? What does a nonenity in a community amount to? And again, our learned friend observes:

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We wish we were as sanguine as The Age seems to be about the constitutional rights "being secure." We know the amendments to the Constitution are standing where they were placed by the Congress of years gone by, but we know, as The Age does, that they are not regarded in half of the country, and that is sufficient reason, we think, for us not to REST, but because they are being flagrantly violated, and because new recruits for their ultimate defeat are accumulating at Washington, by those states that have disfranchised us, and being assented to by the acts of President Taft, by his appointments in Cabinet and on the Supreme Court Bench, is reason why we should not REST, but on the other hand should read the true signs of the handwriting on the wall, and get exceedingly busy, or else we may estop a great deal of that industrial and sport and commercial progress we have already made. We think leading newspapers like The Age ought to help us to preach sound, not fallacious, doctrine for the benefit of an oppressed and discriminated race. It don't pay to be a victim of overconfidence, or overoptimism. "No question is settled until settled right." Remember that.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Special to The Freeman:

The drama given at St. Peter's A. M. E. Church Wednesday evening, December 22, 1909, entitled "Marriage a Lottery," was quite a success. It was given under the auspices of the Helping Hand Club, under the direction of Mrs. Luther Abbey. ....The following churches of this city held their Christmas exercises Monday evening, December 27: Bethesda Baptist, St. Peter's A. M. E. and Zion Baptist.... Mrs. J. H. Reeves, of 2924 Pleasant avenue, entertained at a Christmas dinner six of her friends....The Choral Study Club, under the direction of W. C. Jeffrey, gave another annual sacred program at St. Peter's A. M. E. Church Sunday evening, December 26, 1909. The chorus consisted of twenty-five voices. The following was the program: "Unfold Ye Portals," "Redemption" (Gounod), by chorus; "There Were Shepherds (Vincent), by double uartet; remarks by Rev. Roberts; "By Babyion's Wave" (Gounod), by chorus; solo, recitative, "There Were Shepherds," "Messiah" recitative accompaniment; "And Lo the Angels" (Handel), by Mrs. Frances De Leon; offeratory, "Heavens Are Telling," "Creation" (Hayden), by chorus. Accompanist, Miss Mildred Shull....Mrs. S. Sample and her daughter, Miss Laura Sample, have returned to the city after a few weeks' visit in Indianapolis, Ind....Mr. James Wilson, Jr., entertained at his home last Monday evening a few young friends in honor of Miss Helen Scott, of Duluth, Minn., who was visiting in the Twin Cities.

Mrs. John Rozell, our late secretary of the Busy Bee Club, will spend the holidays with friends in Chicago and St. Louis, and will be home the later part of January....Mr. Chas. Brown, who played the part of Sheriff in Miss Smith's society drama, "The Rivals," is also a promising violin player....There is to be a colored cheuffer club here for the purpose of training. Briscoe Lewis is at the head of it.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

Special to The Freeman:

Mrs. Maud Johnson and William Rector were called to New Brighton, Pa., on account of the illness of Mrs. Johnson's grandmother, Matilda Burr....Mr. Frank Morrison is critically ill....Mrs. Richard Young, of Erie, Pa., attended the funeral of his niece, Miss Margaret Davern, who died Friday....Thomas Payne, our real estate agent, closed a deal in Ravenna last Tuesday in which the sum of $25,000 was involved, and he has a number of other large deals on hand....James Heath spent Chistmas in Akron with relatives....Mr. and Mrs. Baker, of Sharon, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Heath last week. ....Big Bob Stewart celebrated his fifty-eighth birthday Tuesday, December 28, and was presented with a diamond pin. An elegant possum dinner was spread to the following: Mrs. Anna Cook of Detroit, Miss T. Thomas of Chicago, Mrs. M. Swaningan, Mrs. Bessie Haines, Messrs. Frank Hall, Fred Brumley, Allen Brown, Frank Heckler, Frank Perry, Robert Stewart, C. Taylor and James Clark....Mrs. Joe Williams left for Atlanta, Ga., to spend the winter....Logan Lodge No. 4, K. of P., met in regular session Wednesday evening. The meeting was well attended. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 12....Mr. and Mrs. Harris are rejoicing. It's a boy....Attorney and Mrs. Harrington Simpson spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. George Simpson, of Akron....The Mahoning Avenue Baptist Church treated the Sunday-school Thursday evening. Refreshments were served. ....Lee Roy Porter, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Porter and brother of Henry Porter, a mail carrier, died Sunday, aged 25 years, and was buried Tuesday. He was born in Murray county, Tennessee, and came to Youngstown with his parents in 1896. He attended the public schools, and two years ago he entered the electrical engineering department of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. About three months ago his parents were notified of his illness, and he was brought home at once. He was a charter member of Pride of Youngstown Fountain No. 2405 of True Reformers, who had the funeral in charge....Miss Anna Jackson and Mr. Albert Freeman entertained at dinner Sunday at 359 Plum street Miss Leah Thomas, Miss Lucy Freeman, Dr. W. L. Jones, Henry Corbett, Mrs. M. Armstrong, Edward Armstrong and Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Jackson....The secret concert held at the Oak Hill Avenue Church Sunday, given by the members of the choir, was well attended and highly appreciated....Miss Della Flanagan, of Painsville, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Samuel Flanagan, of Maumee street.... Mrs. Ida Hill is able to be around, after three weeks' illness....Mr. George Day closed the season here with the Suanee River company, Saturday, and will remain in this city during the winter. He will be at the Rideout Hotel....William Saunders will conduct a mask and rub kating party at Avon Park, Monday evening, January 10. All invited to attend....The Elks' social Monday evening at the Rest was well attended and a success....Mrs. Ida Tutt, of Bradford, and Mrs. A. E. Matison, of Jamestown, N. Y., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Berry last week....Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Mitchel entertained at dinner Saturday Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Berry, Mrs. A. E. Matison of Jamestown, N. Y., Mrs. Ida Tutt of Bradford, Pa., Charles Berry, George Burk of Sharon, Pa., Mrs. Belle Walker and Mr. York Jenning.... Miss Hazel Harper, Miss Lizzie Goings, Miss Leona Ford returned to school at Wilberforce Tuesday....Mrs. J. A. Jones is able to be about, after a week's illness. ....The dances given by Prof. A. H. Berry, the Young Men's Business Club and the Alpha Social Club were all well attended and successful....The Elks held open house from 3 to 10 p. m. New Year's Day at the Rest. It was a grand success and enjoyed by all who attended....Mrs. Samuel Tillery, Miss Hattie Casey and Mrs. J. A. Jones are able to be around after a short illness....Mr. and Mrs. James Mealey returned from Cleveland Saturday after a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brown.

DULUTH, MINN.

Special to The Freeman.

The members of St. Mark's A. M. E. Church held watch meeting services, Friday evening, December 31, 1909, beginning at 10 p. m. The pastor Rev. Jonathan Brewer, gave an interesting talk on the observance of the custom. The ladies of the congregation served light refreshments....Mr. Luther W. Dawson is spending the holidays visiting relatives and friends in Louisville, Indianapolis, St. Paul and Chicago, and will return shortly ....Miss Elizabeth Johnson, who is teaching school at Bemidji, Minn., is home for the midwinter vacation....Rev. E. G. Jackson, presiding elder of the St. Paul District of the Iowa Conference, preached at the morning services at St. Mark's A. M. E. Church, and administered the communion service, assisted by the pastor Rev. Jonathan Brewer, Sunday, January 2, 1910. Mr. Foster Byrd united with the church....Mrs. Laura Fairfax Colley is in Cleveland, O., visiting with friends and relatives. Mrs. Colley is accompanied by her daughter Anna, and expects to be gone for two or three weeks.

SHEFFIELD, ALA.

Special to The Freeman.

Rev. C. W. Warren, P. E., of the Florence District of the A. M. E. Church, held his first quarterly conference Saturday and Sunday. He preached an able serman and administered the sacrament. The choir rendered good music under the leadership of T. E. Knowles, with Mr. Fred Abernathia presiding at the organ.. ..Mrs. Lucy McClue is visiting her son, John McClue, in Memphis, Tenn....Mr. Henry Winters, of St. Louis, was in the city last week visiting his brother, Mr. Isaac Winters....Mr. John Riley, of Chicago, is in the city this week visiting his friends....Mr. Harry Steinmett and Mr. Bennie Parkam spent Christmas in Knoxville, Tenn....Mrs. Maggie Jones, of Memphis, is in the city this week visiting her sister, Mrs. Annie Johnson.... Mrs. Lee Howell and Miss Balts, of Florence, was in the city this week and was the guest of Mrs. F. E. Knowls.... The Willing Workers' Club will give a grand concert Thursday night, January 13th, at the Sheffield High School building, for the benefit of the First Baptist Church, under the management of Mr. Harrie Stenitt. Admission, 5 cents and 10 cents.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

Special to The Freeman.

Mr. D. D. Moore, Jr., our enterprising young electrician, has issued beautiful calendars advertising his work....On New Year's night the first wedding of the year was solemnized at the parsonage, the contracting parties being Miss Georgia Phillips, of Indianapolis, and Mr. Edward Ricks. Miss Hannah Russel, of Williamsport, Pa., acted as bridesmaid, while Robert Cross was best man. Miss Bertha Burton played the wedding march. Rev. Joseph Evans performed the ceremony....The Valley City Orchestra furnished excellent music for the study class dancing party New Year's eve; Mr. Wm. Collins manager....Mr. Banks is meeting with continued success in his tailor shop on Island street..The Freeman is on sale at 185 Henry street, by Eva McConnell. Call and see the new Negro dolls, post cards, calendars and hair goods.... Miss Myrtle Shepherd, of Kalamazoo, spent the holidays with Miss Ida Walker. ....Mr. Duncan Vinson has taken charge of the dining room at the Hotel Stanford. Meals served a la carte.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

Special to The Freeman.

Mr. E. L. Claytor was awarded a rare prize New Year's Day, the prize being a fifteen-pound pheasant by Mr. Nelson Curtis....Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Johnson, of 30 Burchard street, entertained at a family reunion New Year's Day. Covers were laid for twenty. Music and social conversation were the social diversions....Mr. and Mrs. W. Jefferson and Mr. and Mrs. J. Seabolt have returned from Wabash, Ind., where they visited friends and relatives... Mrs. Tolliver, of Saline, Mich., who has been visiting in this city, has returned to her home....Miss Inez Goodall, who has been visiting in this city, has returned to her home in Kalamazoo....Rev. V. S. Cooper will preach at the Second Baptist Church Sunday, January 9. All invited to attend....Mrs. Clarence Beeler, of Grand Rapids, Mich., is visiting in this city, the guest of Mrs. L. Beeler....Mr. and Mrs. James Buckner spent Christmas with Mr. Peeks, of Hickory Corners....Mrs. B. Salspaugh and daughter Adelle, and Mr. Green are visiting in Lansing, Mich.... There will be an entertainment and concert given at the Second Baptist Church on January 4. All invited.

EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

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all ate heartily and asked to be served again. On the following evening Mr. Cole entertained with a Kentucky duck supper.

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Mr. Dave Steward, the popular Fifth avenue barber, is doing nicely at the Citizens' Hospital, where he has been very ill for several weeks.

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Mr. Waymond Sherrell, a very popular barber, is no longer at Center and Walnut streets, and has a chair at Cole's shop, Tenth and Walnut streets.

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Misses Amanda and Clay Webb, of Lexington, Ky., were in the city during the holidays, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Black, of West Chestnut street.

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Mrs. Mattie C. Ellis, of Lexington, is in the city, the geust of Miss Lucille Annis. Mrs. Ellis was entertained at dinner Tuesday by the Rev. Mr. Leroy Ferguson.

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The Young Men's Progressive League gave two dances. Both of them were largely attended, and quite a delightful time was spent in tripping the light fantastic toe.

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Mrs. H. J. King, of French Lick, Ind., has been in the city several weeks under medical treatment for her eyes. She was the guest of Miss Pearl B. Roberts, and left last week for her home.

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James Dorsey, Otis Burnett, Lum Beagham, Will Lane, Will Perry, Charlie Lawson, George Watson, John Cook and son and Meedy Wing were in the city last week. They all hail from French Lick Springs.

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Dr. James H. Fitzbutler, Mesdames Mary F. Wearing and Myra F. Denison, of Chicago, and Miss Prima Fitzbutler were the guests at a dinner last week given by Miss Georgia Lattimore at her home, 1504 West Walnut street.

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John Phillips, the tonsorialist, entertained in honor of Miss Leona Marshall, of the Cole and Johnson company. A swell luncheon was served the guests, including Misses Potter and Dean and Messrs. Tunstall, Phelps, Mitchel and Sutton.

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Messrs. Watson, Phelps and Mitchel were among the guests of the Cole and Johnson company who attended the Entre Nous Club dance on Wednesday night of the holidays. Mr. Phelps, a Louisville boy, was given several dinners, and attended all the private dances.

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The Eentre Nous Club also entertained with a dance at the Odd Fellows' Hall, Thirteenth and Walnut streets. This club is made up of young women, and gives a social affair every Christmas. It was strictly private this season, only members of the club and a few invited persons attending.

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Miss Katie Kester, of 608 Jacob street, entertained last week in honor of Miss Bessie Norman, of Jacksonville, Fla. Those present were Misses Katie Brown, Bertha Taylor, Henrietta Warren, Alice Harper, Georgia Adams, Etto McAttee, Nellie Hughes, Carrie Warren and Armah Wilson.

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Mr. Cary B. Lewis attended the State Teachers' Association at Frankfort, Ky. Mr. Lewis "covered" the work for the Frankfort Morning Journal, Frankfort News and the Courier-Journal. He also contributed an article to the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Louisville Times, December 31, '09.

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As usual, a number of social functions were tendered the "Red Moon" company. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Oliver entertained in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fowler Brown on last Wednesday. A large number of Louisville society people were present to meet Mrs. Bessie Brown and Mr. Frank Brown.

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William A. Tyler and George A. Smith, of the Old Pekin School, Chicago, are with Cole and Johnson. White violinists here pronounced Mr. Tyler one of the best lead violinists they have heard. Mr. Smith opened the eyes of many while he quietly sat in the drummer's corner and played by note every instrument around him.

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The Excuse Me Club entertained during the holidays at the home of Mrs. Harris, 646 South Fifteenth street. Thirty-five persons attended the function. The officers of the club are: Fashion Plate, president; John Thomas, vice-president; John Ellis, secretary; Sam Sundy, treasurer; W. M. Parker, assistant treasurer; Harvey Crutchfield, manager; Theodore Ramsey, assistant manager.

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Mr. Phil Brown, one of the most intelligent men of the race, and founder of the Hopkinsville Daily News, was a guest of Messrs. Cole and Johnson. They were all together in New York City many years ago, trying to make good. They stuck to [illegible] Johnson are premier comedians [illegible] American stage, and Phil [illegible] secretary to one of the [illegible] in the South. "Phil" is a [illegible] poser, and is author of "[illegible] Band."

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Oliver entertained at luncheon last Friday in honor of the members of the "Red Moon" company. It may be called a luncheon, but it was one of the healthiest dinners that we have ever sat down to. Everything in season was served the troupers. They enjoyed it, and did not fail to thank Mrs. Oliver for kindly preparing such an elegant meal. It was an old-fashioned Kentucky dinner. After spending the afternoon on Oliver's farm, the party arrived at the theater just in time for make up.

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By far the most successful affair during the Christmas holidays was the dance given by the married ladies on New Year's Day. It was the most largely attended function that has been given in this city in years. Many of the old families were represented at the dance and reception. It surpassed other functions of the week in point of congeniality. Every one seemed perfectly delighted with the pleasure of meeting old friends and exchanging New Year's greetings. The ladies that gave the dance deserve the highest praise, for they brought together more of the first-born of the city than any recent affair given in Louisville.

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Miss Nannie [illegible] hs is back at her desk again, as busy as a bee. She has a number of young women under her charge sending tracts and all kinds of literature in the interest of the National Training School at Washington, D. C. She is making an appeal for [illegible]00. She reports a splendid enrollment and a new building finished. She says the teachers are busy and the girls are happy. She says farther that she is willing to travel the country over, begging friends to help, but she could not last long after this awful strain, getting the school opened. She asks for prayers for strength, wisdom, patience and faith to give to the women a great institution to which they may come and prepare themselves for life's work.

Additional Stage News on Page Six.

We would be pleased to hear from Mr. S. H. Dudley.

Johnnie Jones is appearing at Boston, Mass., this week.

Mr. Harry C. Jenkins and his company of Virginian Warblers were in Indianapolis New Year's Day.

Lew Purcell, well known to the profession, died December 22 of dropsy at San Francisco.

Frank Kirk will be at Ladysmith, Wis., week of January 3rd, and at Bariboo, Wis., week of January 10th.

Minstrel Morris, the comedy juggler, is spending his vacation near Elizabeth, Ky., previous to an engagement in vaudeville.

The Wang Doodle Four, James White, Julius Glenn, Harvey Goodall and George Hielman, wish all friends a Happy New Year.

Don't fail to keep up with "Forty Years Of the Negro On the American Stage" articles which will, from time to time, appear in these columns.

The two Johnsons (Leonce L. and Billy B) send their best wishes to every body, in and out of the profession. They are now playing on Pantage time.

J. McGee, recently with the Barnum and Bailey Circus, now located at Kankakee, Ill., sends regards to George Hamilton, Skinner Harris and other friends.

The two Johnsons, Leonce L. and Billy B., are at the Family Theater, Billings, Mont., this week with the Pantages, time to follow this being a return date.

William A. Robison, the talented violinist and orchestra leader, with Richard and Pringle Minstrel, had a $60.00 cornet stolen from him in Holly Springs, Miss.

Holden and Simmons, Vernor and Lizzie, who are presenting a breezy singing and talking comedy sketch, were the guests of Mrs. Simmons' mother during the holidays.

Mrs. Rastus Jones, of Oliver's Mexico Ministrels, spent the holidays with her parents at Far, I. T. Mrs. Alice Austin, of the same company, visited her parents at Birmingham, Ala.

Charles D. Marshall, a member of The Freeman staff, will go to Vincennes, Ind., Monday where he will review the Whitney Musical Company, which is expected to put on three different plays during their three days' engagement.

The Claybrooks (Alfonzo and Jennie) write from New York City that they are meeting with unbounded success throughout the East. Mr. Claybroks is an Indianapolis product, and is rated as one of the best all-round performers in the business.

Saint Suttles, a well-known comedian of Milwaukee, Wis., is filling an engagement at the Family Theater of this city. Mr. Suttles will continue until the coming of a team that was booked in Cincinnati arrives here.

Prof. Isaac Johnson, pianoist of the Smith's Greater Shows, was compelled to close on December 18th in Selma, Ala., on the account of having a severe attack of malaria and bronchial troubles for six weeks. He now resides at Darien, Ga., the home of his wife.

R. V. Cross, monologue artist, is making good in Atlanta, Ga., and has been in that city for months. He is one of the best in the business as an all-round performer. Mrs. S. L. Cross, wife of the comedian, took a flying trip to Union Point to spend the holidays. She says "Mrs. Carrie Hall, why don't you write."

The Hendersons, in their original creation, "Aunt Phoebe's Southern Home," have finished all their southern California time and have opened on Pantage time in Fresno, Cal. They will fill a few weeks around San Francisco and then will go north, through Oregon and Washington, for twelve weeks' engagement.

The "Red Moon" Theater at Washington, D. C., has been compelled to close its doors on account of poor patronage. The "Maceo" opens next week, and the "Dunbar" will follow suit. The "Hiawatha" continues to do the banner business of the town. A new house, operated by a white syndicate, will join the caravan as soon as its building on U street is completed.

Lehman Smith, the Tennessee buck and wing dancer, sketch artist and coon shouter, writes from Salesbury, N. C., that he has had a three months' rest and will now return to business. He will reopen his theater on North Main street. He would like to hear from John Woods and Walter Newby, and sends special regards to all old Memphis boys and girls, wishing all a happy New Year in and out of the profession.

The female member of the well-known artists, Panky and Cook, Miss Cook (better known as the hat fiend), while reparing to her dressing room in the Empire Theater, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, to make her New Year's hat, told the rehearsing troupe and attaches upstairs that she smelled something burning, but they only scoffed at the thought. However, this did not satisfy Miss Cook, and she investigated for herself, and found a pile of rags, etc., burning in one corner of the theater, and informed the attaches, who immediately put the fire out before it did much harm. Much praise is due her for saving the popular theater in Edmonton.

C. V. B. A. NOTICE.

All subscriptions and dues should be sent direct to the association. Mr. F. La Motte being away on business and has resigned.

Leon Williams, Pres.

COLORED THEATERS, LOOK OUT.

As The Freeman management intends to do something before many moons which will be of much interest to every Negro theater in the country, all managers are requested to write for further information if it is desired. Look out!

THE VIRGINIA WARBLERS HANG S. R. O. OUT.

PALMYRA, Wis.—The Virginia Warblers are now playing this State, en route West, with much success. We are doing S. R. O. business each night. Below are the names of members of this company: Mrs. H. M. Patton, soprano; H. P. Middleston, second tenor; Edward Goodbar, first tenor; H. C. Jenkins, baritone and manager, and F. H Gresham, basso.

HALLBACKS AT BROADWAY THEATER.

New York Special

The Hallbacks, who are now playing the Broadway Theater, of this city, bear the distinction of being the only colored vaudeville act that has played the Broadway Theater within the history of the theater. Williams and Walker and company played there some years ago. It goes without saying that they more than made good. They send regards to all, wishing everybody a happy New Year.

WHITMAN SISTERS DOING GOOD.

Mose Fleming, business agent for the Whitman sisters and company, writes that They are doing a big business there, being bile, Ala., for a four weeks' engagement. Tehy are doing a big business there, being greeted each performance by very large audiences. The Whitman sisters are rapidly replacing the scenery, costumes and all properties necessary that were lost in a recent fire at Montgomery, Ala. Mr. Fleming joins them in sending regards to all.

BILLY McCLAIN A HIT AT THE OXFORD.

London, England (Special).—Billy McClain, the well-known American colored comedian, is at the top of the bill at the Oxford Street Theater, next to Tottenham Ct. Rd., near Tube Station, where he is making a tremendous hit in his original creation, "Parson Johnson." Of course the bills also state, "in his original creation, 'Down Among the Sugar Cane,' and"—but we leave that to Avery and Hart as to the originality part.

SAYS FREEMAN BROUGHT GREAT RESULTS.

William Foster, head of the William Foster Music Company, of Chicago, Ill., writes to this office concerning the advertisement which appeared in our Christmas number and is reproduced in these pages, of William and Stevens on their "Grand Southern Tour," under the direction of Mr. William Foster. He says: "The ad appearing in your paper of William and Stevens on their southern tour wrought great results, and we got more time than we could use.

"William Foster,
"3025 State street. "Chicago, Ill."

GEM THEATER, MEMPHIS.

The Gem is still the same playhouse it used to be. Mr. Willie "Too Sweet" is still stage manager. Al the bunch are well. Mr. Johnnie Woods is creating a big sensation with his Punch and Judy act. Miss Lula "Too Sweet" is surprising every one with such wonderful plays. Her last play was "Baby Lamb," which was a scream. Mr. Thurman Jennings is doing fine. Miss Floyd Fisher and Erma Wilson and all of our soubrettes are doing fine. John Moore is progressing. His Shakespeare act this week goes fine. The bunch sends regards to Willie Owens and H. H. Hunt and McNeal & McNeal.

MOORE-HENDERSON SHOW A GREAT BIG SCREAM.

HOUSTON, Tex.—The Moore-Henderson's Big Musical Comedy Company arrived in Houston, Sunday, January 2, and on January 3, at the night's performance, created a riot of joy among the patrons of the People's Theater. Those two bighearted comedians, Allen (Chintz) Moore and Billy Henderson kept them screaming from the beginning until the final fall of the curtain. The People's house is one of the finest houses in the State, and the people appreciate the fact by attending it in large crowds. Address all mail for the Moore-Henderson Company to People's Theater, 211 Milam street, Houston, Tex.

TAFT THEATER, LOUISVILLE, KY.

The large and well pleased audience witnessed the good things Manager Edwards had to hand out to them Sunday night. The moving pictures were unusually good, and the vaudeville went well. The Robinson brothers were up to date, and their dancing was good. Miss Ethel Reed in her classical songs was well received. Price and Hendon were the hit of the evening, their cross-fire talking being the best heard this season.

Manager Edwards is desirous of informing the public that he expects to give them the best that can be had for their amusement. Business is good and the "ghost walks" regularly.

THE ORIGINAL THREE BLACK BEES.

Walter S. Lyon's Original Black Bees opened at the Majestic Theater, Charleston, to standing room December 27th, and the act was the biggest hit this house ever played. Lyons and Singleton took the house by storm and answered repeated encores. Sampson and Sampson, in their refined musical act, was simply peaches—the best ever seen here. Our closing act, original with us, "Colored Man From Up North," featuring Maud Singleton as Aunt Dinah, and Sewell Sampson as Uncle Eph, was a scream.

This act has surely captured Charleston. The Freeman is always a welcome visitor. All send regards to Fred Lewis and wife and Chas. Beechum and wife. We are now on the Sun circuit.

GETTING POINTERS AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY.

Thompson's National News Bureau.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 28.—Philip Kerr, of Johannesburg, South Africa, paid a visit to Howard University one day last week, to gather information on the subject of the education of the Negro in America.

Mr. Kerr says the race problem is growing more and more acute in South Africa, and intimates that the British government is giving careful attention to the methods and results shown by the various types of schools for Negro training in this country, to assist the leaders in Africa to devise a scheme of education that will best serve their purpose among the black peoples over there. In dustrial education, as emphasized at Tuskegee, will certainly be adopted in the schools for the masses, while there is no doubt that the academic training will be provided for the more advanced natives, who are to become teachers and government agents in the agricultural regions, where white teachers would scarcely be welcome.

Mr. Kerr was greatly pleased with all he saw at Howard, and was visibly impressed with the singing of the vested choir and glee club. He believes music to be one of the speediest solvents of the race problem everywhere, for through music the soul speaks a universal language. Mr. Kerr is a young Englishman, a mining engineer by profession, and has been engaged in South Africa for the past five years.

ANITA PATTI BROWN HOME.

Gets a New Year's Surprise.

When Madam Anita Patti Brown arrived from her southern tour she expected to spend a quiet New Year's day at her home on Wabash avenue, Chicago, Ill., but her husband and most intimate friends had planned things differently, and the greatest of all colored singers was delightfully surprised for there were a few callers from eight until nine. After a chicken salad lunch, ice cream and other festivities were served. Madam Brown sang one selection, followed by Mrs. Frazier and Wilson, twin sisters of Frazier and Carters Lyceum entertainers, after which the glee club gave a few selections.

The affair was of the elite and very informal. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hill Mr. and Mrs. David Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Buckner, Mr. and Mrs. David Asbury, Mr. and Mrs. James Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Bedford Cowden, Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Mitchen, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Frazier, Mrs. Bertha Wilson, Mrs. Hattie Arrant and daughter, Mrs. Pauline Mackey, Miss Nannie Alvis, Miss Pearl Carey, Mr. Andrew Childers, Mr. Sylvester Russell, Mr. J. A. Mundy, Mr. F. J. Thompson, Mr. Eddie Atkinson, Mr. G. I. Jackson and Mr. Thomas Crump. Mr. A. A. Brown was the donor.

THE PROFESSION AT PITTSBURG.

The first week of the Columbus Stock Company at the Star Theater was a grand success, playing to the capacity of the house, six hundred seats. The company includes ten people, headed by Mr. Earl Walker, the versatile artist; Elga Bell Strait, Harry Bell, Carl Allen, Luther Pierce, comedian; Miss Bessie Brown, Miss Bertha Turner, Miss Fanny Watkins; last, but not least, Miss Alberta Smeadleay.

Our local friend, Bob Baker, of the Star Amusement Company, intends to play, if possible, all colored talent, both vaudeville and stock.

Two wealthy business men of Pittsburg, A. Lincoln Myers, president, and George E. Lorch, secretary and treasurer, of the company appointed C. P. Stinson manager. Stinson is an old performer, having traveled this country and Europe with his friend, the banjo, and ought to understand the wants of the people in the amusement line. We wish him success in his new venture.

Respectfully yours,
C. P. STINSON,
Manager Star Theater.

Bert Williams will dump his "Lode of Koal" in Pittsburg week of January 3. Bert is one of Pittsburg's greatest favorites, black or white.

Miss Alberta Smeadleay, of the Columbus Stock Company, is the possessor of a remarkable barittone voice. She is only 19 years of age.

The booking agents of Pittsburg are all wanting colored acts that can make good.

Luther Pierce, of the Columbus Stock Co., is another dry, drawl comedian on the Bert Williams order.

HAPPY THOUGHTS OF OUR PLAYHOUSES.

Wouldn't it be fine if C. J. Parker controlled about forty theaters like that of the Pekin in Lexington, Ky.? Parker, you know how to deliver the goods, and so does the Pekin.

Now, wouldn't it be just too nice to have President Taft and Colonel Watterson at the opening of the Taft Theater? You know Luther Edwards would be just tickled to—well, you know.

The manager of the Exchange Theater found another name besides Pekin for his house that means something. In exchange for your money you get a good performance.

Frank McKensie, manager of the People's and Palace playhouses, 211 and 514 Milam street, Houston, Tex., is feeling mighty glad over the results that he is having with these two great playhouses. Of course, he should have unbounded success, judging from the attractions he is putting on.

Oh, you Charley Stinson! Did you ever see a theater work wonders like that of the Star at Pittsburg?

About twenty-five Negro playhouses is not bad, with many of them named Pekin.

E. D. Lee, of the Dunbar Theater, Columbus, O., and a large booking agency, and the Dunbar with a seating capacity of 1,500, always filled to the doors.

The Pekin Theater of Norfolk, Va., is surely bound to do the business in a triumphant way, because C. W. Mosely has a hand in it, and that speaks volumes, that's all.

DEHOMEY AND OTHER THINGS AND PLACES.

BY JULI JONES.

What's left of Dehomey, let's see. Since the grand old Stroll appeared in these columns there has been enough happened to make it a changer gay way. Oh, no, we are western Broilers. What's more, we are going to turn it right next summer. But what we have went through with so far, get a tab and pencil and get nup close as its a story worth writing down so that your children's grand children may read in years to come. First, this has been the severest winter in the history of Dehomey. There is only three joy shops open, the Grand, Monogram and the Pekin. The latter is out of the argument as far as the small fry acts are concerned. The Grand has kept up its standard in the way of giving shows, but the attendance has fallen off. As to the Monogram, it shows more people on the stage than in front. Everybody has to hand it to Miller, the owner. He goes Napoleon Bonapart one better. What's better, he says he is going to stick. He must be a director in the oil trust. From the outlook, colored acts that are depending on the Stroll for support had better look elsewhere until the summer season sets in again, then there will not be but three houses here next season, the new Grand, Monogram and the Pekin. The fronts will be put back into the shoe shops in a short time. The experience of running a slot-machine theater in Dehomy has been a costly one to some people that thought it easy money.

The colored show business in the big wheel seems to have struck trouble. In the Red Moon James Europe, the musical director, brought his engagement to a short end in the "Mr. Lode of Koal Co." Somebody used the ax to the limit. It hardly looks possible, but Will Elkins, the chorus director, and Jimmy Vaughn, the orchestra director, has been asked to give up their positions. Tom Brown and wife are back in vaudeville. It is reported that Jim Europe take charge of "Mr. Load of Koal" orchestra.

Dehomey is stock struck; the orders from out-of-town houses for stock companies has carried most every actor away from the city.

Charles Williams, of Williams and Stevens, the crown king of small stock has collected an all-star bunch to tour the South, leaving Chicago about January 15.

Just think of it! Dehomey won't have one of its many good acts after January 20. Stewart and Marshall, fifteen weeks over the Pantages time; Miller and Lyles going East under the direction of Weber; Saparo and Campbell, fifteen weeks over the Western vaudeville circuit; Perrin and Crosby over the Butterfield ttime.

Dehomey lost, by chance two of the biggest cards the world has ever known. It is too bad, but between one of our local detectives and a police court judge the world has been deprived of discovery that would make Cook and Perry look like tow big country pikers. Here's what Dehomey had for its guess: Two gentlemen of color, one a sailor, the other a chauffeur, both direct from the great planet Mars. Foolishly, neither took any observation going or coming, but their trips sound good. The sailor says he was a sailor on the battleship Maine that was blown up in Cuba. All he knows is that he awoke in a straw pile in Mars, that the people were so smart that they knew his name and where he came from; that the people were so smart they don't use any clocks or railroads, nothing but flying machines; that he made his get away by the machine. Unfortunately, he fell out of the machine half down. Don't know where the machine went to, but he landed in Lake Michigan near Chicago. The gentleman who went to Mars by automobile tells his peculiar story. On that night something happened to his machine. He struck a match to see what had happened; the next thing he knew he was eating dinner in Mars; and what a grand place this Mars was. When the sailor intrudes and denounces the speaker as a faker, they decide to end the dispute with a couple of clubs. Just as they get under way Detective Flecher swooped down and carried the matter to the Harrison Street police court. The judge decided that he would send both claimants to Bridwell for ninety days to prepare their data.

Hip! Hip Hu-Ray! again, hip! for Mr. Aurthur L. Prince, the galant young correspondent of The Freeman, for putting Dehoney's mind at ease in regard to the pilgrims that ventured into joy and sorry of that great Seattle Fair. Then we want to thank him again for informing us that some four or five had reached the city, as this bit of information will decide many a big bet.

The betting was even money that not one of the fifty would see Chicago again until 1940, and again Mr. Prince put us right. Public gossip had it that all had combined to defend Dr. Cook of North Pole fame by going to the pale and bringing back same, with Esquimos, dogs and all kinds of data to Copenhagen, and clear the man's name that went little George Washington's hatchet-cherry tree story one better. The writer wants to thank Mr. Prince for the above advice and wishes him success at the great Negro gasoline for his auto for next summer World Fair in 1913. Hu-ray!....Dehomey had a little Christmas tree.... Marion Brooks received ten gallons of gasoline for his auto for next summer, or the following summer....Some one presented Ollie Dempsey, of Cincinnati, with a real "rip stock" for Christmas. O, my! ....Bob Cole and James Europe presented one another with a very nice one—horse and horse. The game is on Jim Vaughn ....Lord Joe Simms presented Juli Jones, Jr., with a handsome deep-set black ring. (Around his left eye.)....Cohen and Harris presented Jerry Barnes with a five years' contract to head the Honey Boy Ministrels.

CUMBY & MATHEWS BACK AT CHICAGO.

Billy Cumby Is Very Ill and Taylor Steps In His Shoes.

The team of Cumby and Mathews arrived in Chicago on December 24th to spend the holidays with their families. Mr. Mathews has enjoyed himself very much. Billy Cumby is very ill, and it is not probable that he shall be able to return to the stage for sometime. This team was out on Gus Sun's time for nine weeks and were successful every where. Hereafter the team's act will be known as "The Funny and Fancy Boys." While Mr. Crumby is ill Mr. Mathews will work with Mr. George Taylor, late of the Black Patti Company. Both are working on a new act. Mr. Mathews would like to hear from Ed. Simpson, his old partner.

RICHARD & PRINGLE MINSTRELS.

We are now in Tennessee. The boys are all well and are giving a fast, clean show. Everyone likes the way the boys present their jokes and render their songs. Among the soloitsts are Major Daniels, basso profundo, who scores twice nightly; J. C. Prosser, Jake Smith and Sidney Kirkpatrick. Much credit is due Billy King, our stage manager. He has brought "Georgia" back to the top round of Negro ministrels.

Our band is a great hit, with the same captain at the helm, Fred Simpson. Our orchestra is doing niecly under the direction of Wm. Robison. Tilliam, our old trap-drummer, joined us at Memphis and is certainly putting new life and vim into the whole show. He often says play, "Oh, you devil."

All the boys send their regards to all in the profession and wish them a happy and successful New Year. Major Daniels says, R. B. Shelton, please write. Wm. Israel says Steve Adams, please write.

ROYAL THEATER, MEMPHIS.

The Royal Theater is still doing fine. Christmas week was a streamer, as usual. Our stage manager, Thos. Briggs, is well pleased with the performers. Philip Austin is making a great hit with "Abraham Lincoln Jones" and sends regards to Macio Theater, Charleston, S. C. Eugene Liggin would like to hear from Ed Green and Rich Mathews, Jr. Janie Mullin, the Southern male impersonator, is cleaning up singing "On a Honeymoon." Miss Susie Cook is here, singing, "You'll Come Back." Our Little Trixie Colquitt, the Southern queen, is making good singing "Oh, What I Know About You." Chas. Anderson, our illustrated songster, is taking two and three encores, singing "In the Good Old U. S. A." Regards to Will Owens. Write. "Bon Bon Buddie," our stage manager, sends regards to J. W. Anderson and Susie Beaver, and singing his own composition, "If That's Santa Claus, Please Excuse Me." Elbert White, baritone singer, has now opened at the Royal Theater, and is taking curtain calls nightly. Regards to Leroy Knox. Miss Alice McQuillen, our piano player, is still handling such overtures as "William Tell," "Poet and Peasant," and at least none seems too stiff for her. Walter Reid, our trap drummer, is still cleaning up, and sends regards to P. G. Lowery and Manzie Campbell. Carrie Halison and Cuba are dancing yet.

WHITNEY MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY A BIG HIT.

Run a Large Week of Business at East St. Louis.

The Whitney Musical Company spent the week of January 3d at East St. Louis, Ill., and the way the papers of that city gave mention in large quantities is enough to convince the public that Messrs. Salem Tutt Whitney and Homer Tutt, who are at the head of this large aggregation, are delivering the goods. One leading white daily of that city gives its opinion of the company in the following lines:

"The Whitney Musical Comedy Co., a colored organization, late of the southern "Smart Set" company, opened a week's engagement at the Broadway theater last night to a large and appreciative audience. Salem Tutt Whitney, in the role of 'George Washington Bullion,' proved a capable performer and demonstrated the fact that he is an able aspirant for stellar honors. In Mr. Whitney's support must be mentioned Homer Tutt, a clever young composer and singer, also Miss Daisy Martin, one of the most vivacious and magnetic young colored women on the stage today. The chorus, one of the very best ever seen or heard in East St. Louis, showed evidences of excellent training, and their singing of the rag-time choruses and old plantation melodies was very much enjoyed. The music compared more than favorable with the larger musical attractions, and reflects great credit on the composers, Mr. T. L. Conolle, Mr. Homer Tutt and Mr. Watterson. The bill will be changed on Wednesday and Friday. Wednesday and Thursday 'The Ex-President of Liberia' will be presented, and on Friday and Saturday 'The Star of Zanzibar'."

WHITE CRITICS AND BLACK PATTI COMPANY

Says the World Is Grateful for Such a Show.

The Mobile (Ala.) Daily Telegram, of December 14, says of the show:

If the world is at all grateful for the Negro being lifted to the stage and placed before the footlights, then the world owes whatever is due to Macon.

It was Macon that placed the real Negro on the stage. The time, Wilson's raid; the promoter, a sutler in Wilson's army.

The war had just closed. This setler, with the true Yankee shrewdness, saw the certain genius in the Negroes about Macon, heard their songs and their music, saw their powers of mimicry, and it was not long before he had a troupe of genuine Negroes performing the world over as the Genuine Georgia Minstrels.

Then came the Negro to the fore of the footlights, and in the later days the limelight. Now, in the North, the Negro is a part of the stage. It was this Macon venture that brought out Black Patti, and she only followed that remarkable musical genius, Blind Tom, furnished by Columbus.

The show as given by Sissieretta Jones and her company last night pleased those who love the Negro voice. There is a melody in his voice, whether on the wharves rolling the cotton into the holds of steamboats, or on the stage in an opera house. There is a certain sweetness in it that falls softly on some ears, and feels like music.

The Black Patti, seen here often, retains her voice, and be it said that last night when she had given as an encore, after singing a selection from "Lucia di Lammermoor," that Southern favorite, "Way Down on the Suanee River," one shut eyes and listened and thought it sweet, as it was.

The company is better than she usually brings. John Larkin, he of the coal black face, the crimson lips and as white a set of teeth as ever shone in man's mouth, was excruciatingly funny in all that he did, and one could not help laughing at him.

But there were others, and on the whole the audience, which was topheavy enough to topple, the galleries being full, was tickled to death at the funny business and delighted at the singing. Between the fun and the music, all well rendered, the show was well worth going out on a cold night to see.

BOWLING GREEN, KY.

Special to The Freeman.

Mrs. Izora D. Steyall, of Clarksville, Tenn., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Arthur Bailey, of West Main street....Miss Jerlena Howard, of this city, is visiting Mrs. Grange at Indianapolis....Misses Clara and Bessie Scales, of Franklin, Ky., were the guests of Mrs. Nannie Hampton, of First street. Mrs. Hampton was hostess of a delightful entertainment at her home Friday evening in honor of the Misses Scales....The Young Men's Club of the B. G. Academy gave an excellent reception last Friday night to the girls of the Academy. Covers were laid for forty-eight.... The Y. M. C. A. is doing fine, and we hope more city people will come out and be with us and help us. Our subject for discussion is "Freedom through the Truth."....Miss Josephine Smith, of the State University, is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Sarah Lewis....The young men of B. G. gave a banquet at Gordon's Hall last Thursday night. The music was furnished by Dial's Orchestra....Mrs. Hattie Wells, formerly of this city, but now a resident of Indianapolis, is visiting friends and relatives this week.

ERIE, PA.

Special to The Freeman:

Miss Florence Turner, of West 8th street, entertained at dinner Mrs. G. W. Dale, Mrs. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Davis and Mrs. R. J. Young Tuesday evening.... The Christmas exercises at the A. M. E. Church were held Wednesday evening and were well attended. Many beautiful carols were sung by the school. The superintendent and teachers deserve much credit for their work during the year....The Busy Bee Club met with Mrs. D. White, 126 Chestnut street, Thursday evening, with a large attendance. The evening was spent in games, etc. Notice of next meeting will be given later....Mrs. Fisher, of West 5th street, is confined to her home by illness....Mr. G. W. Dale, of East 4th street, who has been confined to his home for the last five months, is able to be out again.

MITCHELL, IND.

Special to The Freeman.

Mr. James Russell spent the holidays in Indianapolis and Anderson visiting friends, and reported a fine time....Miss Amanda Parker, of Louisville, is visiting her cousin and family, Mrs. Ellen Russell ....Mrs. Carrie Hawkins, of Chicago, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ellen Russell ....Mr. Arra Terrel made a business trip to Bedford last week....Prof. Rumsey and family and Miss Olia Mitchell have returned to Spencer after spending the hilodays with Mrs. Lewis and Mitchell ....Mr. and Mrs. Paul Terrel have returned home from Senora, Ky....Mrs. Susie Hawkins, of Terre Haute, is called here on account of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Bettie Lewis....Miss Myrtle Summers, of East St. Louis, Miss Shelia Simwel, of Washington, and Mr. Walter Eagleson, of Bloomington, were the guests of Miss Rosa Vontrees Sunday...Rev. Buck, of Chicago, preached at the Baptist Church Sunday night to an interested congregation....Mrs. Good returned from North Vernon, where she spent the holidays with her parents.... Mr. Paul Henson has returned to Bloomington to resume his studies....Mrs. Jas. Knight has returned from Bloomington, where she spent the holidays with her mother....Mrs. Anna Knight is on the sick list.

ANDERSON, IND.

Special to The Freeman.

The young ladies of the Paul Lawrence Dunbar Club entertained the young men of the club Friday night, December 31, at a 1909-1910 baqnuet, at the home of Miss Bessie Blakemore. Music and contests were enjoyed until 11:30, when a delicious four-course lunch was served. Those enjoying the event were: Misses Fern Gibson, Effie Hedge, Coral Minniefield, Martha Venable, Lucy Davis, Eleanor Blakemore, Alice Barber, Ethel Minniefield, Sarah Wiggins, Bessie Blakemore and Hazel Batt; Messrs. John Cooper, Waife Minniefield, Walter Tribble, Clark Dodson, Orran Jackson, Mark Blakemore, Arthur Minniefield and Henry Harris....At 8 o'clock Monday evening Mr. John W. Williams and Miss Nannie J. Talbot were united in marriage at the home of the bride, 522 West 8th street. Rev. Parnell officiated. After the wedding supper the bridal couple left for West Point, Ky. After their honeymoon hey will be at home to their friends at 522 West 8th streets. The wedding guests were Mesdames B. Robinson and S. Weaver, of Marion, and S. G. Hall and W. Burton.

MORGANTOWN, W. VA.

Special to The Freeman;

The Silver Leaf Club gave a fine reception on last Monday evening at A. W. Wright's cafe, on the corner of Chestnut street an Court Square, in honor of Miss Jessie Holland. It was a delightful affair, and there were about twelve present. Mr. Henry Wilkinson was toastmaster of the evening. The members present responded to their toasts with credit. The evening was well enjoyed and a Happy New Year was wished to all. The following are the officers of the club:: J. H. Wilkinson, president; Miss Lugania Richardson, secretary; J. H. Lewis, treasurer; Mr. Henry Wilkinson, Mrs. Tishia Johnson and Mr. A. W. Wright, executive committee....Miss Ada Johnson is appointed associate agent to assist J. H. Lewis in writing news for The Freeman....Mr. Henry Wilkinson will take a business trip to Connellsville Monday....Mr. Urvel Crawford spent the holidays among friends at Connellsville, Uniontown and Fairchance, and returned home Thursday evening....Miss Eva Lewis, who was employed as domestic girl at Mr. Geo. C. Baker's residence on Spruce street, underwent an operation on last Friday and is confined to her bed at the home of Mrs. C. W. Thomas, on Chestnut street....The Woman's Mite Missionary Society entertained a large audience at the M. E. Church last Sunday evening with an excellent program. Miss Aredelia Richardson read a paper on woman's work....Misses McDolen Bruce and Miss Ollie Mead sang a fine selection, "I Love Him." Mrs. Belle Ellis read a paper which was fine for the occasion. Miss Alberta and Emma Ellis sung a duet, unaccompanied, which was excellent. Mrs. Iona Parker and Miss Lizzie Johnson sung a lovely duet. The collection amounted to $5.50.

FLINT, MICH.

Misses Gertrude Golda, Margaret and Evelyn Burch atended the annual New Year's dance at Lansing, Mich., December 31st....Mr. James Armstrong has a compound fracture of the left forearm which will have to be amputated....Mrs. Cora Rolland is on the sick list....Mr. Richard Burch, Jr., won two prizes this week, one from a Christmas story in the Flint Journal and the second from the Detroit Free Press— increase circulation....Miss Golda Burch entertained at six o'clock dinner Sunday in honor of Dr. E. T. Beck and Miss Frances N. Beck. Covers were laid for six....The Sewing Circle meet at the home of Mrs. Thomas Kelly Wednesday afternoon.

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ROUTES.

WHITMAN SISTERS—Week of Jan. 10, Lagman's Theater, Mobile, Ala.

VIRGINIA WARBLERS—Under the direction of H. C. Jenkins. Ellsworth, Ia., Feb. 10; Radcliffe, 11; Beaman, 12; Gladbrooke, 13; Union, 14; Liscomb, 15.

RICHARDS AND PRINGLE'S MINSTRELS—Murfreesboro, Tenn., Jan. 10; South Pittsburg, 11; Chattanooga, 12; Athens, 13; Knoxville, 14. Morristown, 15.

WILLIAM McCABE'S GEORGIA TROUBADOURS—Green Isle, Minn., Jan. 8, 9, 10; Gaylord, 11, 12; Glencoe, 13, 14; Buffalo Lake, 15, 16.

GLAZIER JUBILEE COMPANY—Under direction of J. Louis Johnson. Mansfield, O., Jan. 10; Crestline, 11; Bucyrus, 12; Dunkirk, 13; Ada, 14; Delphos, 15.

BLACK PATTI MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY—Orlando, Fla., Jan. 10; Palatka, 11; St. Augustine, 12; Jacksonville, 13, 14; Fernandino, 15.

JOHNSON AND WELLS—Orpheum Theater, Lima, O., week of Jan. 17.

COLE AND JOHNSON'S "RED MOON" COMPANY—Week of Jan. 9, Lyceum Theater, Detroit, Mich.

WHITNEY MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY—Vincennes, Ind., Jan. 10, 11, 12.

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NEW YORK CITY NOTES.

Anderson and Goines are at Hammerstein's.

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Murphy and Francis are at the Plaza Music Hall, on the Morris time.

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The Brittons are booked abroad. They sail the last of March. How's that?

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Tom Lemoneer and Erb Robinson have joined hands as a vaudeville team.

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The Cuban Giants will leave for Charleston, S. C., on Sunday, Marcn 6, 1910.

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Bob Slater is acting as the C. V. B. A. representative for the Globe Theater, Norfolk, Va.

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Harry Brown and Hodges leave Sunday for a tour of six weeks in the New England States.

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Davis and Walker leave for the coast Tuesday morning for a tour of the Pantages Circuit.

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Irvin Jones and Bert Grant are at the American Music Hall. The leading papers speak well of the act.

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Emile H. Nelson sends regards to Elwood Knox and Howard and wishes success to The Freeman for the New Year.

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The Burrises—James and Hattie—opened January 3 for ten weeks, on the Independent Circuit, in the New England States, with the Mozart Circuit to follow.

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The "Skatorial Artists," "The Bruces," gave a turkey dinner, Sunday last, at the cosy residence of "The Jolly Prices," at Boston, Mass., in honor of Mr. Lewis Jones, of Black and Jones, and Mr. John W. Cooper and wife.

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Joe M. Moore wishes to say that his minstrels will not appear at Huber's Museum unless the management comes to his terms. Mr. Moore's New Orleans Minstrels will play an indefinite engagement at the Globe Theater, Norfolk, E. B. Forby, manager.

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Etta Miner, who, in private life, is Mrs. Frank Clermont, was entertained on her birthday, January 1, by Mrs. Chas. H. Moore. There were refreshments of all kinds served. James L. Moore was toastmaster. Miss Edith Moore entertained. Mrs. Clermont acknowledges sixteen summers.

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E. B. Forby, of the Globe Theater, Norfolk, Va., is in New York, booking acts for his circuit of twelve weeks, and is the guest of the C. V. B. A. He has the indorsement of the association. Mr. Forby is up to date in coming to New York for his talent. The Globe is the largest colored theater in America.

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Frank Clermonto wishes to say to Sylvester Russell that his article of praise to the C. V. B. A. has stirred the East, and every member of the C. V. B. A. wishes him a happy New Year, and may he always prosper. His notes in The Freeman have always met with the approval of the artist, as he never fears to make criticism, whether it may have been good or bad, of the artist, let it be a star or a small potato, as we term them. He always makes an impression with his remarks and advice. It reminds us of a gentleman actor from Mississippi, who wrote a play and asked Mr. Russell to criticise his work. Well, he did. His answer and correction were made public through The Freeman.

Miss Abbie Mitchell, who is sadly missed in the Red Moon Company, headlined the bill at the Unique Theater, Minneapolis, Minn., last week. She was entertained by Mrs. Emma Jones Taylor.

The Freeman is in receipt of a beautiful calendar from Duke Johnson and Mae Wells, of W. B. McCallum's "Sunny South" act. The likeness of these well-known entertainers, together with their little daughter Helena, shows up prominently.

S. H. DUDLEY, IN "HIS HONOR, THE BARBER"

(Syndicated.)

—By Sylvester Russell.—

There was plenty of snow and lots of people who braved the cheerful snowflakes that brightened up the first of the holiday week, commencing December 26, when Mr. S. H. Dudley and the Smart Set Company, in "His Honor, the Barber," a three-act musical comedy, opened a week's engagement at the Columbus Theater, Chicago, Ill., to an audience that crowded the house to the limit of the law. The new comedy is by Edwin Handford, a white playwright; the lyrics are by James Burris and Chris Smith, and the music is by Prof. James T. Brymn, who is also leader of the orchestra. Mr. Handford has given us a new story, and one which, if not built upon entirely original ideas, is at least interwoven with unexpected scenes and situations that are unusually logical and meritorious in their relation to a theme for building castles up to the sky to reach and support a star. Raspberry Snow is an ambitious barber, an old-time edition, who lived in days when the fondest dream of a colored barber's expectation was to acquire the honor of shaving the President of the United States of America. The first scene of the play is laid in Alexandria, Va., eight miles from Washington, D. C. By accident of a whisky dope which is given to Raspberry by a naval officer, he falls asleep on the White House steps and dreams of shaving the President. When he awakes from his dream there are so many things that happen then, and in the meantime, that more worthy mention of the dramatic complications can be told of in a review of the cast of characters.

S. H. Dudley, as Raspberry Snow, took the audience by storm on his entrance, which was most unique, and the reception he got was more on the merit of his entrance than that of cordial welcome. As a star to-day, we do not see the Dudley of old, but in his personage we discover a new comedy actor of a modern progressive school. If he is a demoniac of inventive art, his comedy is decidedly original, never morose, but always a safe palliation of quick and limited humor rather than the art of overdoing. That Dudley has been taught the limit by traditional study is not only a flattering tribute to his intelligence, but a true sign of his discerning nature. In all his scenes with Andrew Tribble his comedy was hilarious and hardly less entertaining with Jennie Pearl. The Dudley donkey was another good scene. Slumbering on the White House steps as the curtain descended on the first act, and the living shadowgraphic scene of his shaving the President when the curtain arose in answer to an encore, was really grand. Another most realistic feature was the automobile scene in the second act, where Mr. Dudley, as his own chauffeur, having to repair his car, gave bits of comic wit for which he is noted. In the third act Mr. Dudley entered wearing a green suit, as the White House barber (he knows how to dress), and between his tonsorial work and his love affairs he continues to shine as the star of the evening. His only song, in the third act, entitled "Come after Breakfast," was a great hit, and will become popular, but in answer to an encore Mr. Dudley continues to adhere to the illegitimate quality which places him in the second rank of great comedians. He coaches the audience to join in the chorus of the song, as the audience enters into whistling and singing by his own creation. While this method is not ruled out in second-class houses, and as De Wolf Hopper, the white actor, still recites "Casey" in a better class of houses, there is no use to further condemn Mr. Dudley except to say that he is funny enough without resorting to that which will impede his admission into the bookings of a finer class of houses; but there is no doubt that Mr. Dudley to-day, with a good play which enables him to make people scream, is the funniest colored star on record since the final exit of the great unbleached American.

Mr. Andrew Tribble, the greatest protean artist his race has ever produced, came in for second honors as Raspberry's "affinity," and gave Mr. Dudley the strongest support he ever had. "Watermelon Time" was a perfect fit of a song, in which Mr. Tribble, the real artist, was further rewarded. In the last act Mr. Tribble wore a salmon silk, something wonderful in quality, that outshone anything in the female contingent.

Laurence Chenault, as usual, made a dashing officer, and it is useless to say that he got a large Chicago reception on his entrance and looked handsomer than ever before. His acting was superb, and his voice has improved in tonal quality. Mr. Chenault sang "Captain Dandelion," a march song, with a drill.

W. A. Ramsey, a young actor, who graduates from the chorus, replaced Mr. James Burris, whom we regret to say has retired from the company. Mr. Ramsey made a very good impression as the sport, and in the song, "I Like That," he sang and danced in a manner fully up to expectation.

George McClain, who played the old man in place of Irving Allen, who was ill, was also all that could be desired, and Mr. McClain was another deserving pick from the chorus, and his rendition of "Corn Shucking Time," with a chorus, readily made a hit.

When Miss Jennie Pearl entered, as old man White's daughter, she was given a welcome reception. She looked as charming as ever, although her teeth are of gold instead of white. As Mr. Dudley's leading lady she gave excellent support, and her improvement as a comedy actress was more noticeable than ever. She sang at least two very pretty, catchy songs, "Rainbow Sue" and "Cry-baby in the Moon," but Miss Pearl had a bit of a cold, and as she disregards technic or measurement of the volume of her voice, she just sing-songed along, knowing that in the Dudley company she is a pearl of very great price. Miss Aline Casseles, as Caddy Brown, a widow, was a new creature exploited by Mr. Dudley, and Mr. Dudley will have pretty leading ladies. Miss Casseles—it's a large name, isn't it?—was the turtle dove of the evening as a living picture. She is quite pretty, of the auburn type, with cheeks of red, and a short bodice, which partly detracts from her buxom form. She has a very good singing voice for a soubrette, quite well trained, with hardly enough of it for a prima donna. She is overeffective in mannerism, and stagy, but has nerve expressed in the culture of her eyes—bright eyes, of course—enough to become a success, for a new one who appeared to be quite at home upon the stage. "Consolation Lane" and "Merry Widow Brown" were two numbers which won an opening introductory for the fair newcomer.

Miss Alberta Ormes (Mrs. Dudley) once more assumed a former similar occupation, that of a female reporter, and gave to the part its full glow of misunderstanding.

"The Isle of Love," a semi-classical song, which opened the second act, introduced Miss Lillian Brown as the prima donna of the company, and Mr. Dudley will insist on having a prima donna, because his head is level. Miss Brown is a lady of dark complexion, who inherits a voice of peculiar racial sweetness and of a kind which made both Sissieretta Jones and Anna Cook Pankey known to greatness. Miss Brown is not the great Anita Patti Brown, but plain Lillian Brown, a newly discovered singer, who will hardly ever come up to either of the three greatest singers of the race mentioned; but Miss Brown has a clear voice, hardly yet well trained. Her lower notes are thinly lined, but with excellent sweetness, such as her more powerful medium range, at present, produces. But time will tell, so she may as well be given credit for the generous amount of applause which she received after rendering a selection that was none too inviting and void of any opportunity for execution. Prof. Brymn, in conducting the orchestra, with his good nature, seems to have forgotten that he must be the grand master of the musical situation, of the chorus and the orchestra. The chorus fairly ran away from him, as the orchestra dropped behind. All the music and dancing was trotted off at such record-breaking speed that time and art were beat to a frazzle. If Prof. Brymn's music is more lively than tuneful, it is up to him to reverse the situation. His ragtime numbers are all good, and even if the "Isle of Love" did fall short of sensuous veneration, the professor will not lose his job.

The chorus was made up of nimble dancers and very good singers, both male and female. Everybody was lavishly dressed, and the scenery was elegant. The choruses, "Let Him Dream" and "His Dream Is Over," and the grand finale, were especially bright and classy. Mr. Dudley has now given us the best production of his career as a star, which now involves us into the playwright question. If it takes a white playwright, with years of experience, to fit out capable plays for colored stars, why not let them get the money, and let our young college student actor-playwrights, who can't stand a little prosperity without getting the bighead, or a little criticism without insulting everybody, go without work, and let the critics pass them up until we can turn out some new graduates that are of some account and really worth while.

THE GLOBE THEATER.

Recognizing the fact that first-class colored artists have not sufficient independent houses, owned and managed by people of their race, Col. W. S. Sumter, a capitalist, Dr. Seth Hills, one of the leading physicians in the South, and Mr. Frank Crowd, an experienced man in theatrical affairs in the city of Jacksonville, Fla., are the owners of this excellent venture. This theater will be known as the Globe Theater. The seating capacity of this house is 1,200, and the stage will amply meet the exigencies of a production with one hundred people. When completed in January such standard organizations as "The Tutt Whitney Musical Comedy Company" will be afforded an opportunity to appear in a strictly first-class Afro-American house, before a representative colored audience, who for many sane reasons do not patronize certain theaters in this city. The stage has its part to play in elevating the young men and women of the race. Such houses that feature shows strictly for commercial remunerations, and not taking in consideration the cultural side of the question, are costing the race much. The reputations of the gentlemen promoting the Globe are high. They are going to give their race what is sadly needed before the footlights here, "native ideals" and all modern appointments for the patrons' comfort. One of the cogent features of a house of this kind is, it will employ only artists who have by the necessary preparation reflected credit upon the people with whom they are identified.

THE AIR DOME AT JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

To all lovers of a clean act, showing strictly artistic work, and the element of the race which deplores the ruffianism often displayed by a number of people of color, such acts where the promising youths of the race have to see such low ideals featured on the stage is certainly a menace to the morals of this class of young people. This week, at the Air Dome, Jacksonville, Fla., the young team, Malloy and Harkum, is doing a specialty act that is going good. "Slim" Henderson, Billy Kersands and the orchestra stand out for commendation. The olio that was attempted this week, is weak indeed. The people of color are going to support first-class productions and recognize men capable of staging what they know is worth the price of admission.

SMITH REPLIES TO DANIELS.

Takes the Eastern Correspondent to Task for Statements Made in His Christmas Article.

Chicago, Dec. 30, '09.

Sporting Editor, "The Freeman":

In answer to the article in the Christmas number of "The Freeman", written by the eminent and most learned "Eastern Correspondent", Mr. Harry Daniels, I wish to say that my school teachers always told me that in order to be successful in life one must be original and not rely on the efforts of others, and I have always found that to be true.

To begin with, any article sent to your paper by myself originated from practical experience and observations upon the baseball diamond and not from conversations held in barber shops or on the street corners by others. Any statement made by me in regards to baseball can be fully verified from the records and not hearsay, as my most learned friend from the East has had to do, for his article is full of statements concerning things that happened in the West, that contain not one bit of truth, also that he knows nothing of only what has been told him.

His opinion of Messrs. Ball and Booker is ridiculous, when such men as Jas. Callahan, Jas. Ryan, Jake Stahl, Mike Donlin and others too numerous to mention, not excepting the sporting writers of the Chicago daily papers, give them credit for being wonders and only the color of their skin keeps them from the big leagues. If Mr. Daniels had taken the time and read the Cuban papers last winter he could have seen where they gave Ball the credit of being the best pitcher who had visited the island. He it was who kept the Alemendares from winning the pennant, something no one else done.

Yes, I remember the game when Mr. Foster struck out eighteen of the Cuban X-Giants at Atlantic City, N. J., in 1905. I was one, and it was no disgrace in the face of the article of ball Foster was pitching. I have also witnessed Ty Cobb fan the air three successive times in one game; also Lajoie, and in 1909, during the crucial Sunday game between Chicago and Pittsburg in October, Mr. Hans Wagner was left standing at the plate with men on second and third waiting to score.

The very fact that Mr. E. B. Lamar, Jr., the manager of the Cuban X-Giants, did not listen to the followers of the Daniels type and retained me on the 1904 team reflects great credit to my playing ability, as I participated in every game played by the team from the day I joined, May 13, at Harrisburg, Pa., until we returned from Cuba in October, with a record of games played, 134; won, 98; lost, 34; tied, 2; shut-out games won, 17; lost, 4.

Mr. Lamar has been in the game some fifteen or eighteen years, and knows a ball player when he sees one, as there was several who were tried and dropped, while I was with the team. I also wish to inform Mr. Daniels that the Columbia Giants never did play the Chicago White Sox, as he has stated. A team of colored players organized from the Chicago Unions and Columbia Giants played a team of all stars organized by Tim Donahue, the old Chicago National League catcher, and Garvin from the Sox and players from all the leagues, who live in Chicago during the winter, played a game on the White Sox park, and the colored team won.

The Mr. Shaw, who pitched for the Cuban Giants, was secured from the Chicago Clippers, a team captained by James Smith, a couple of weeks before he pitched the game against the Cincinnati team. His home was in California. More information for the learned correspondent.

The Page Fence Giants and Chicago Unions played nearly all the teams in the Western League and American Association, as all teams who were scheduled in Indianapolis played the Sunday game in Chicago against the Unions on account of no ball playing in Indianapolis on Sunday.

In 1906 we were defeated by the Philadelphia Giants, with Foster pitching, 9-6; also by the Royal Giants, after a great twelve-inning battle, 3-2. The Royals were also shut out the same morning by the Union Giants, 2-0, securing only one hit off Clarence Lytle, and such men as Home-Run Johnson, Payne, Holland, Al Robinson and James and Foote in the line-up. Mr. Daniels forgot to mention this. He also fails to mention the game played in Camden, N. J., with the Athletics, when the outfield sat down and watched Waddell mow down the great Eastern idols of Mr. Daniels.

Mr. Daniels is a little bit mixed in the articles he has read, as he finds nothing in any of mine pertaining to war between the East and West. That article is from the pen of Mr. David Wyatt, a man who knows baseball and baseball players, something that the learned Mr. Daniels will never be accused of. He could not cast any reflections on the Middle West, as the teams in the East were dependent upon the Middle West for talent, and I will name the men who are from the West, as regards baseball, who have made the Eastern teams famous, viz.: Sol White, Home-Run Johnson, Monroe, Charley Grant, "Rube" Foster, Buckner, Harry Moore, Bob Footes, Billy Holland, Nathan Harris, John Patterson, William Binga, Pete Burns, Rat Johnson, Ball, Talbert and a few others. This speaks volumes for the lowly Middle West.

My knowledge of baseball comes from hard knocks and practical experience on the ball field, on many teams, several of which I had the honor of leading as captain, and the record of each is second to none. I played on the following teams:

Uniquie Juniors, captain; Clippers, captain; Chicago Giants, Chicago Unions, Columbia Giants, Leland Giants, Algona Brownies, of Algona, Iowa; St. Paul Gophers, captain; and several other minor teams, including a team in the Ninth United States Cavalry and the Forty-eighth United States Volunteeers, both of which I organized and captained. I have played in the Philippine Islands, Cuba and Japan, and the United States and Canada; have seen the colored stars of the East, West and South from 1884 up to the present; know quite a number of them personally; have played with or against them at one time or another; therefore I claim this as my credentials to be a judge as to who should be on an American colored team.

I stake this record against any that the most learned Eastern correspondent can produce, and it isn't hearsay gossip, either.

In order to learn the truth about the battle, the war correspondent goes to the front himself; no barber shop porter can know what is happening on the ball field when he is miles away trying to earn the price. When you write an article, Mr. Daniels, be sure your information is authentic.

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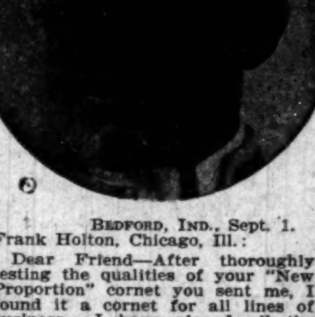

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In the Field of Sport.

BY C. DANA MARSHALL.

SOME SPORTING COMMENT.

Send in your baseball notes.

Watch out for the baseball edition.

All that Fitzsimmons is now fit for is an old fiddlers' contest.

We wonder if Stanley Ketchel read Langford's advertisement.

Some correspondents will persist in writing that "both boys were evenly matched."

It will come out in a big way, but we won't know just when until the boys get ready.

That proposed school for umpires probably would be like the old school of experience.

Baseball managers, what are your outlines for the coming season? Our columns are open.

That Johnson home warming stunt furnishes more proof that the blackest thing about him is his skin.

When Johnson meets Jeffries next July 4 he is expected to find out why many people doubted his ability.

Won't Jimmy Corbett be put in an awful hole if Jeffries fails to whale Johnson within an inch of his life?

Yusiff Mahmout is some considerable rassler (professional pronunciation) when Frank Gotch isn't around.

Dorando's return indicates that he liked those twenty thousand American dollars coralled during his previous visit.

Jim Shawler, who captained the Chicago Unions last season, was mingling with his old associates in Indianapolis last week.

The word of Berger, Corbett et al. notwithstanding, lots of people will bet that Jeff won't simply blow the smoke away.

James H. Smith's reply to Harry Daniels brings out some important facts in regard to who is who in the baseball world.

Judging by their work in the past, football will hardly be safe for the spectators when the reformers get through this time.

It is reported that Leonard Griffin, last season's captain of the A. B. C.'s, and John Lolla will be with the Louisville team the coming season.

After Jeffries has completely toured the country and satisfied the whole populace that he is fit, won't it be too bad if he fails to deliver the goods?

Champion Jack Johnson scored a victory over Yank Kenny in the Chicago courts. Let us hope that he will be as successful when he meets Jim Jeffries.

After the showing Sam Wallace made against Mike Schreck it is a good thing for Manager Billy Bickley that he did not put Sam against Langford. It would have been murder.

Champion Jack Johnson madè a good move when he secured the services of Bob Armstrong, the old general, to assist him in preparing for his go with Jeffries.

Jim Shawler, who captained the Chicago Unions last season, led his club in fielding and batting. Jim will play center field for the Keystones, of Minneapolis, next season.

Jim Shawler, Frank Young and James Lyons, who formerly wore the A. B. C. uniform, but last season were with the Chicago Unions, have signed with Kid Mitchell's Keystones, of Minneapolis, Minn., for the coming season.

If Corbett's footlight activity does start old John L. Sullivan to talking again, the former should be made to turn into the common fund all the personal profit accruing from his monologue stunts.

SPARKS FROM THE DIAMOND CAUGHT ON THE FLY.

By David Wyatt.

The Chicago Giants are making preparations for a training jaunt next spring, which will eclipse anything ever attempted along that line.

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If "Rube" Foster is wise he will use his great influence and baseball knowledge toward starting a colored league right in the state of Texas.

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We hope that the new club owners in Milwaukee will steer clear of that brand of information which caused the loyal Phil Reed to quit the game at St. Paul.

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Lloyd and Petway, of the Philadelphia Giants, were lucky enough to "cop" the coin in Cuba before the ax fell. Pete Hill, the great outfielder of the Lelands, also got his share of the long green.

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William Petis, formerly of the Kansas City Giants, is slated for a berth with the Chicago Giants. Petis is some "swatter" with the bat, and can go some with the padded mitts. He recently fought a draw with Jim Flynn, the tough fighting fireman of the Far West.

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The City League in Chicago will have a Cuban team to help round out the circuit. Walter Ball, the erstwhile pitcher of the Chicago Giants, is making hits with the populace of New Orleans as a member of the original Pekin Stock Company. Walter and Nettie are running a close second to Mike Donlin and Mable Hite.

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"Rube" Foster is doing the state of Texas and writes that he is rounding up a star aggregation for his Florida winter invasion. It is said that the directors of the Cubuan League of Baseball Clubs have drawn the color line, deciding to dispense with the services of all colored players from the States; another hard blow for our boys who have been reaping a financial harvest in the past by playing winters in Cuba.

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"Chappie" Johnson, the catcher, has a smile that won't come off these days. "Chap" has been in bad for a while with the great powers in baseball but is now in right. "Chap" can show 'em all things behind the bat. His value and worth are most too far ahead of the average manager of today. Mr. Leland has shown great baseball sense by signing him to a contract for his new club. Johnson and Burns were two of the smartest colored catchers that ever peeped through a mask.

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Writers with alleged knowledge of baseball, whose aim is to engage in mud-slinging contests, should be curbed. An attempt to write on something with a meager statistical knowledge gained through the keeping of newspaper clippings is a bad thing for colored baseball, and imposes an injustice upon players and teams, and tends to weaken the intellectual standing of men who have been in the game for years and have a legal claim for original ideas. Show your credentials!

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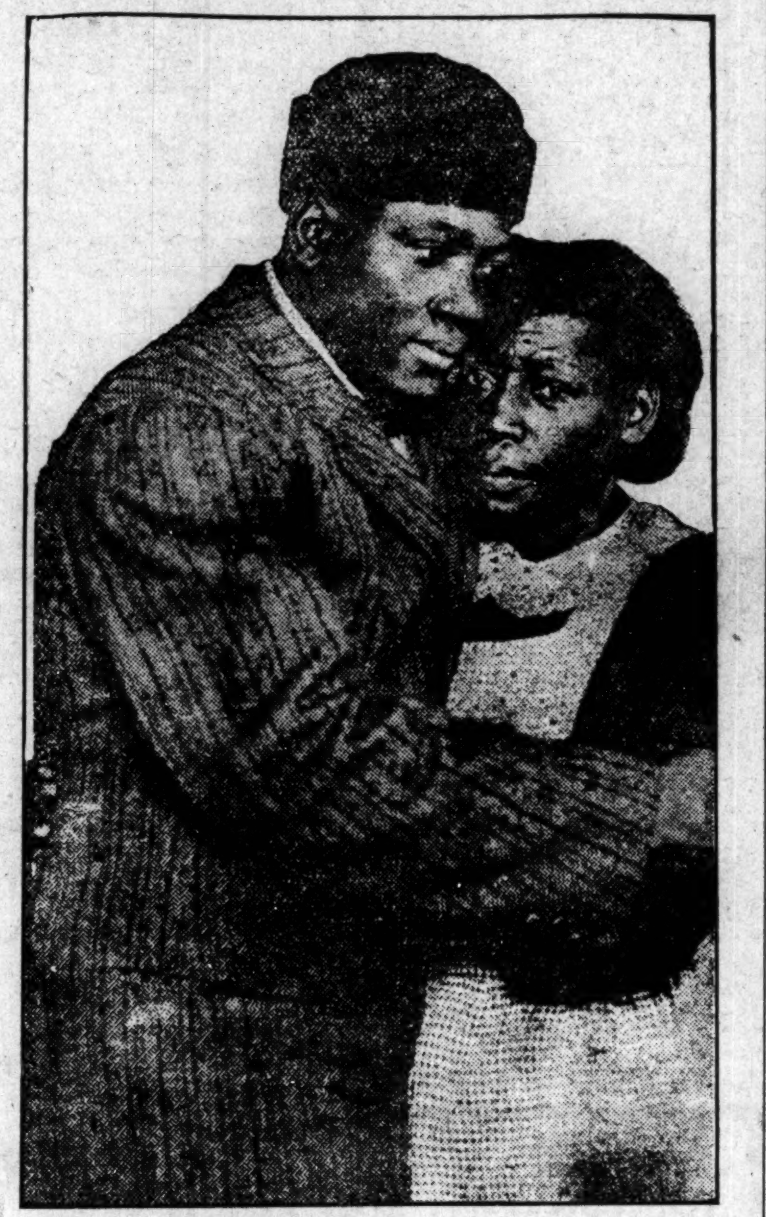
Any person, or persons, who are thinking of investing in baseball will profit by keeping in touch with the series of articles each week in The Freeman. Any information on baseball will be gladly given through the columns of this paper. The writer has had seventeen years of experience in all kinds of baseball company, and in all parts of the country. I have had one of the most unique careers of any baseball player amongst the colored people, having gone through different phases of the life, beginning at Wilberforce College and into the highest semi-professional ranks, and on to the bush league and box car brigades. I have been in close touch for years with all wildcat schemes for starting clubs, as well as schemes of high business significance, therefore, what I write on baseball is from practical knowledge and actual experience. I am not a "knocker"; I am a "booster"; and the steam-roller process is for the purpose of smoothing out all the rough spots in baseball in hopes that we may profit through our mistakes of the past.



JACK JOHNSON GREETS HIS MOTHER.

FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS

As a Purse Offered Burns and Johnson by Hugh McIntosh.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 7.—A cablegram sent to a sporting editor of this city by Hugh McIntosh, of Sydney, Australia, offers a purse of $40,000 for a fight between Jack Johnson and Tommy Burns, to take place in Australia next September. The Australian promoter proposed that the winner of the fight take the entire purse. The offer is made regardless of the outcome of the championship match between Jeffries and Johnson.

ARMSTRONG WITH JOHNSON.

Champion Signs One of Jeffries' Proposed Trainers.

CHICAGO, December 31.—Jack Johnson yesterday won the first skirmish with Jeffries by stealing away one of the retired champion's proposed trainers, Bob Armstrong. The latter arrived in Chicago and closed plans with the heavyweight champion whereby he will accompany him on his theatrical tour of the country, which opens Saturday in Ft. Wayne. The show will be along the same lines as the "Athletic Circus," in which Jeff is starring now.

JOHNSON SPENDS HOLIDAYS WITH AGED MOTHER

Chicago Receives Him with Wide-Open Arms.

Special to The Freeman.

CHICAGO, January 6.—Jack Johnson, world's champion heavyweight pugilist, the only colored man who has ever attained that honor, the man who on July 4 next is to fight James Jeffries for the richest purse ever hung up for a battle in the "squared circle," arrived in Chicago December 24 to spend the Christmas holidays with his aged mother, Mrs. Tina Johnson, whom he had not seen in seven years.

Those who think the life of the pugilist is nothing but solar plexus punches and hard knocks would have been disillusioned yesterday had they witnessed Mr. Johnson's arrival. This is what happened:

Mr. Johnson drove up to his mother's home, at 3344 Wabash avenue, in his new $10,000 automobile.

He got out of his machine and walked into the mahogany vestibule of his mother's $11,000 home.

He removed his mink-lined overcoat and sealskin cap, embraced his parent and mingled with hers a few real tears.

He stepped out into the living room and kissed his six-year-old son, who was playing with a $10 toy automobile under a beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

Sniffs at Turkey.

He walked out into the kitchen, opened the door of the new $150 gas range and took a sniff of the twenty-pound turkey and the canvasback duck that were being roasted in expectation of the event.

He walked up the walnut stairway to his wife's room and presented her with a set of diamond earrings that didn't cost a cent less than $500.

He walked down into the reception room and opened a bottle of Pommery Sec with his manager, while they discussed Mr. Johnson's $1,500 a week theatrical engagement.

He received a delegation of newspaper men and posed fro a number of photographs.

He sat down to a table laden with silver and cut glass and ate a bounteous turkey dinner.

And following this Jack Johnson, world's champion pugilist, stretched his six feet and 220 pounds of solid sinew and bone down on his mother's new $300 davenport and took a well-earned nap.

And those who don't believe that it is a fine thing to be a world's champion heavyweight ought to see the way that Jack Johnson is idolized by the colored population out in the vicinity of 3300 Wabash avenue. Most of the local colored aristocracy paid their respects to the champion yesterday. They were coming and going all day. In the house they found a family gathering, consisting of Johnson, his wife, his mother, his sister, her children, Johnson's son, Li'l Artha; his brother, his manager, his manager's friends, and a few of the distant Johnson relatives.

As for Mrs. Johnson, the mother, she was too much occupied with her son to think about the coming great event of the age. There was real joy in her eyes when she greeted the big fighter, and she never let him get out of her sight all the time he was in the house.

Is a Typical "Mammy."

Mrs. Johnson is a typical Southern "mammy," big-boned and sober-faced. It takes only one glance at her to see that it is from his mother that Johnson gets his physique. She was persuaded with difficulty to talk about the coming fight, but when she did talk she was emphatic.

"Win that fight?" she asked. "Why, he'll knock that white man's head off."

Talking about the fight, Johnson said:

"Well, I ought to win. I think I've got it on Jeffries at his best, and he's going to have trouble getting to his best by next July. It's going to be a fast fight. I think you'll see the finish inside of fifteen rounds. I intend to adopt a style of fighting that will make Jeff come to me. There will be plenty of infighting. When I get him coming I intend to use my uppercut. I think that will fix him.

"About May 1 I start for the coast. I shall open training quarters at Ocean View, near San Francisco. My training partner will be Gunboat Smith, the big sailor, who knocked me down in the fight we had out at the coast. Besides him, I shall have Jack Heinen and Monte Cutler.

"The story about Joe Gans being a member of my training crew is bunk. When Joe was champion he wouldn't let me come around his training quarters. I don't feel that I owe him anything. Bob Armstrong is not to be in my camp, either. He probably will help Jeffries."

PLANS SCHOOL FOR UMPIRES.

Forty Lessons Before Diploma Can Be Obtained.

CINCINNATI, January 7.—President John Spinney, of the Virginia Valley Baseball League, plans a school for umpires. Forty lessons will constitute a course and graduates will receive a diploma. There will be four instructors, of whom Bill Carpenter, who umpired in the Southern League last season, will be the chief. The organization will have headquarters in Cincinnati.

JOHNSON ANXIOUS TO BEGIN HIS TRAINING

He Wishes Long Trip on the Road Ended—Expects to Lose No Time.

CHICAGO, January 1.—Heavyweight Champion Jack Johnson left Chicago yesterday for Logansport, where he was slated to appear last night in a one night stand at one of the theaters. Before he departed he appeared in Judge Petit's court and had dissolved the injunction which was issued a few days ago by Judge Windes, restraining the champion from appearing at any local theater during the week of January 2.

The injunction was issued by Judge Windes after he had heard the evidence of the Weber Brothers, owners of the Alhambra Theater, who asserted they had a verbal agreement with the champion to appear at their theater during the week of January 2. Judge Petit ruled that the complainants had not shown sufficient reason why Johnson could not appear at any theater at which he saw fit.

To the Coast After Tour.

Jack was in his usual happy frame of mind as he went about the task of packing his belongings for the tour. He enjoyed the temporary rest from the monotony of the show business, and asserted he would be glad when he had finished the tour which he was just starting. He intends to do some hard training near the end of the tour, and at its close will go direct to the coast to begin hard work for the fight. He said he had practically settled on Ocean Springs as his training headquarters.

"I will be glad when I have finished this tour," big Jack said, as he was making arrangements to have his trunks sent to the depot. "Every day brings the fight closer, and I am anxious to get settled down to hard work. This I cannot do on the road, but near the close of this tour I intend to do considerable road work and a lot of boxing. I realize I will have to be in grand condition to beat Jeffries and I certainly intend to train hard and faithfully for this fight.

"I cannot say exactly just when this tour will end. I have contracts which will keep me busy until the middle of April, but I am going to try and cancel some of them, because I want at least ninety days for training. I do not intend to have any stars in my training camp. All I will have will be some fighters who will make me hustle and who will be as clever as Jeffries."

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Editor Freeman:

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The Daffodil Embroidery Club met Thursday at the residence of Mrs. Alice Dunn.

The Lottos will meet this evening with Miss Edna Scott, 1110 North Senate avenue.

Mr. John Miller was in the city last week, en route from Detroit, Mich., to West Baden, Ind.

Dr. Mrs. and Miss Juanita Martin passed through Indianapolis from New Albany on their way to Muncie.

Mr. George Slaughter, representative of The Freeman, says, "All men are made of dust and dust settles. Are you a man?"

Rev. W. H. Riley, pastor of Gunn's Tabernacle, Lexington, Ky., will preach at Simpson's Chapel at 11 o'clock.

Carter F. P. Temple was granted a divorce from his wife, Hagar Temple, Monday morning, in Room 3, Judge Carter.

The Magnolia Pleasure Club met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Patria Taylor, in West Thirteenth street. A short talk by all of the ladies was very enjoyable. A two-course lunch was served. The hostess was presented a club souvenir. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Turner, in West Pratt street.

Mr. George Bundy and wife were the guests of his uncle, Mr. William Bell, in North West street, last Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Bundy spent Christmas with Mr. Bundy's mother and father, the Rev. and Mrs. Jason Bundy, at Edwardsville, Ill., who celebrated their fifteenth wedding anniversary.

Hear the Rev. W. R. Wilson, D. D., evangelist of Ohio, at the Union Tabernacle Baptist Church, where a great revival is in progress every night. Special meeting Sunday afternoon. Don't fail to come to these meetings that are being held for you and your friends. Will you come? Rev. R. D. Leonard, pastor.

Miss Laura Wolfolk was hostess for an informal reception to a number of her friends New Year's eve at her home in Columbia avenue. Miss Hazel Wolfolk assisted in receiving the guests. The house was tastefully decorated with red, green and white, which formed a canopy over the dining room table, on which a dainty repast was served. The out-of-town guests were Miss Newman of Anderson, Miss Hines of Shelbyville, Ind.

Witherspoon United Presbyterian congregation is making rapid strides forward since entering their new home in West street, between St. Clair and Walnut streets. The congregation has almost doubled its attendance. The Sunday-school has been re organized, with Dr. H. L. Hummons as superintendent. Its attendance has more than doubled. Mr. Samuel A. Ratliffe has been secured as director of the choir. He is making of it a fine body

CITY'S BLACK CABINET SEES SHANK.

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Ever since Mayor Shank was inaugurated at noon Monday a large, heavy dark cloud of human ilk has been seen hovering about the corridors of the Majestic building, where the chief executive of this city has temporary quarters, and for what reason there are those who understand and a very few that don't. Only yesterday a newspaper man happened along the way and seeing this particular cloud made effort to find out just what it consisted of, because it looked so far different from every other he had ever seen. Securing a microscope he turned it upon the object, but nothing was invisible other than an ordinary storm cloud. Having a little patience about him he waited until Mayor Shank came upon the scene. It was then that the cloud bursted and the sign of the "City's Black Cabinet" shown everywhere. True, it was the broad smiles and hearty handshakes of the "City's Black Cabinet." Messrs. Gordon Donaldson, Charles Brown, William H. Jackson, Henry Jackson and Attorney Hyde were there, lying in wait for the new Mayor, and they caught him with the goods. As they grasped the Mayor's warm hands they exclaimed in a chorus, "Oh, we've got you now, you rascal! Just hand over the plum tree!

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The pastor will preach Sunday morning and evening. At 10:45 a. m., subject, "Ships That Pass in the Night;" 7:30 p. m., "The Returning Tides of Spirituality." Mrs. T. A. Smythe will sing a solo at the evening service entitled "Mother's Prayer." Sunday-school at 12:15 p. m. C. E. prayer meeting at 6:30 p. m. All are invited.

JONES TABERNACLE A. M. E. ZION CHURCH.

One of the best and most enjoyable sacramental services held for a long time was administered in this church on last Sunday morning.

The Emancipation service held Sunday evening was of a high order. The addresses delivered by Hon. G. L. Knox and Attorney R. L. Brokenburr were freighted with reminiscences and instruction, bringing new inspiration to all who heard them.

The pastor's subject for Sunday morning at 10:45 will be "Burden Bearing." Subject for 7:30 p. m., "Never Give Up."

The Sunday-school meets at 12:45 p. m. The election of officers will take place at this session.

There will be a sepcial church meeting for the transaction of some business, in which each member of the church 21 years of age should be interested, on Monday, January 10, at 8 p. m.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

A banner Sunday at the Monster Meeting next Sunday. Dr. James P. Cowan, pastor of Woodruff U. P. Church, will be the speaker, taking as his subject "The Enrichment of Life." Dr. Cowan's years of experience will qualify him to talk on this subject. In addition to this address the special numbers will include the Sweet Psalm Singers of the Witherspoon U. P. Church, and E. Smyth Jones, a composer of verse, will render some of his own selections. The Glee Club and Orchestra will also be on the program, which begins at 3 p. m. These meetings are conducted every Sunday for men only by the Colored Y. M. C. A. in Jones Tabernacle.

All men are invited to attend the Tuesday and Sunday morning Bible classes, which meet at the Association rooms. The Tuesday night class begins at 6:30 and closes at 7:55. Sunday morning class begins at 8 and closes at 9 a. m.

Don't forget the Douglass Memorial to be held at Tomlinson Hall, February 20, at 3 p. m.

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EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION.

At the Jones Tabernacle A. M. E. Z. Church last Sunday night the pastor, Rev. H. J. Callis, D. D., conducted what he was pleased to denominate "an Emancipation celebration" in an informal manner. The usual form of religious opening of the services was conducted by the pastor, after which Dr. Callis introduced the speakers for the occasion. The first speaker was Lawyer Brokenburr, a brilliant young man graduate of Hampton Normal and Industrial School at Hampton, Va. Attorney Brokenburr made a pleasing and eloquent address on the race question, taking a very hopeful view, and backing up his statements with statistics to show the progress made since the day of emancipation, religiously, educationally, industrially and commercially, which was happily received by the audience. Next Dr. Callis introduced the Hon. George L. Knox, who made the address of the occasion. He spoke on the past, present and future of the race. His reminiscences of slave life as he knew and experienced it were very touching. As most of the audience were young people who had not known anything about slavery practically, Mr. Knox thought it opportune to give a little history so that the people would hereafter be conversant with the real attitude of President Lincoln upon the question of emancipation. He quoted an extract from President Abraham Lincoln's inaugural address of March 4, 1861, to-wit:

"I have no purpose, directly or indirectly, to interfere with the institution of slavery in the States where it exists. I believe I have no lawful right to do so. Those who nominated an delected me did so with the full knowledge that I had made this and many similar declarations, and have never recanted them, and more than this, they placed in the platform for my acceptance, and as a law to themselves and me, the clear and emphatic resolution which I now read. 'Resolved, That the maintenance inviolate of the rights of the States, and especially the right of each State to order and control its own domestic institutions according to its own judgment exclusively, is essential to the balance of power on which the perfection and endurance of our political fabric depend, and we denounce the lawless invasion by armed force of the soil of any State or Territory, no matter under what pretext, as among the gravest of crimes.' I now reiterate these sentiments."

"So you see," said Mr. Knox, "that I am justified in telling you that President Lincoln had no thought of emancipating the Negro race. That came about by circumstances over which Mr. Lincoln had no control, but which he met, as he had to meet it, as a matter of necessity. Mr. Knox closed this very interesting and instructive address by admonishing the young people to improve their opportunities and make good men and women of themselves. Dr. Callis added a few timely remarks, and thus closed one of the most interesting emancipation meetings of the New Year in the city of Indianapolis.

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NEW ORLEANS NEWS NOTES.

By V. P. THOMAS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

NEW ORLEANS, La.—"A remarkable sale," says the Daily Picayune of Friday, December 31, "was reported yesterday of property in the square bounded by South Rampart, Saratoga, Lafayette and Poydras streets. Joseph Savich sold to the General Grand United Order of Brothers and Sisters of Love and Charity, a Negro organization, a piece of property fronting 34 feet on Rampart street by 85 feet deep, with buildings two stories high on it, numbered 534 South Rampart street, for $24,000. The property is to be made the headquarters of the society, and it is understood that the members contemplate erecting a new building later on and competing in altitude with the Negro Knights of Pythias, who have a seven-story building at Gravier and Saratoga, not far away."

The report is correct, and it is a fact that the Negroes of Louisiana are really beginning to do something in the way of buying property and having respectable business places. The only reason, it seems, that they are just beginning to do so is that it took them a long time to realize the importance it gives a man or a people to be owners of big property and big business. The Negro people of New Orleans and Louisiana have been earning more money than the Negroes of any other city or State in the country, and they have beeing doing this for a long time. They have, however, wasted, one might say, just thrown away much of it, but in the treasuries of their various societies they have considerable money lying idle, which, if put into real estate or business, would make a surprisingly big showing of thrift for the race. The showings of the Knights of Pythias in the ownership of a $200,000 building, seven stories high, on their own lot, corner of Gravier and Saratoga streets, and the purchase by the General Grand United Order of Brothers and Sisters of Love and Charity of a property on South Rampart street, with two-story buildings on it, at a cost of $24,000, are instances which give a fair idea of what the Negro people can do if they want to through their societies in this city and State. There are any number of Negro societies in New Orleans, certainly not less than seventy-five in all, which have snug surplus cash amounts in banks for safe keeping. If these societies were to get behind some enterprise with their surplus money and push it along with earnestness and co-operative spirit, the affair could not do otherwise than succeed, and the success would be such a brilliant one that it would challenge the admiration of everybody and inspire the Negro people with greater confidence in their race. The Negro would then quit saying that the white people have all the money, all the property, all the knowledge of how to do things, for he would see actual evidences that his own race has some of all of these things, too. Anyway, a good beginning has been made by the Louisiana Negroes, and it ought not to be hard to keep a going movement going among them. Confidence is spreading and is taking root, and as that was what was wanting, all the world has to do now is to expect more and more of our people, and it will see it.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Special to The Freeman.

Last Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, Rev. E. H. McDonald was installed as pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church. The installation sermon was preached by Rev. H. Pattison, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Quite a number of the pastors of the Twin Cities, both white and colored, were present to welcome the new pastor. On Tuesday night there was a reception given in honor of the new pastor in the parlors of the church, and quite a number of people took advantage of the opportunity of meeting Rev. McDonald....Rev. W. D. Carter preached at St. James A. M. E. Church last Sunday night. He will return shortly to Western College, Macon, Mo....The reception at the West End Branch Y. W. C. A. on New Year's Day was quite a success. About 150 people called and were served with refreshments between the hours of 3 and 9 p. m. Many were amazed at the beautiful and well furnished rooms. Mrs. B. Longley delivered an address at the vesper service on Sunday afternoon. Mrs. O. C. Hall also delivered an address and expressed her regret in having to leave the work. Mrs. Belle Graves will have charge of the work in looking after the classes. Miss Gladys Wright, our rising young soprano, sang a solo which pleased all present. The branch has developed some new talent in a great many different lines....Mrs. O. C. Hall left this week for Taft, Okla., where she will teach in the State school. Mrs. Hall is a valuable worker for the uplift of her race, and in her absence, which will last until summer, she will be missed greatly. Mr. O. C. Hall will also go to Muskogee, Okla, and engage in business....Mrs. Marguerite Hyatt, 998 Iglehart avenue, has been granted a divorce, and will resume her maiden name, Marguerite Detienne.... The Boys' Culture Club gave a ball at Bowlby Hall on Wednesday, December 29. About seventy-five young people were present, and elegant refreshments were served. Mesdames C. E. Ward, Della Pettis, A. White, William Moors and M. L. Terrell acted as chaperones. Mr. M. A. Bolling is to be commended upon his work among our young boys. The object of the club is to develop the minds of our young boys as well as to direct them in physical culture. ....The Halo Gala Fair at St. James A. M. E. Church was quite a success. The ladies cleared about $160. Mrs. Samuel Hatcher won the prize, a handsome cut-glass bowl, for bringing in the most money at the domestic booth....Master James Henly spent the holidays in Chicago with his aunt, Mrs. C. E. Thomas....Mr. and Mrs. Allen French spent New Year's in Stillwater, Minn....Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Anderson celebrated their "china" wedding on Monday night, December 27. Mrs. Valdo Turner and R. S. Butler assisted in receiving....Miss Cora E. Anderson received a handsome diamond ring for Christmas....The ladies of the United Charities, with Mrs. J. E. C'oak chairman, are doing a great work. During the holidays they distributed $67 among our poor and needy.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Knights of Pythias Christmas treat to the children Tuesday afternoon, December 28, bids fair to take the laurels for the holidays. Fitzgerald's Auditorium was a scene never to be forgotten. Children from all over the city were made welcome. One hundred and fifty pounds of candy was given away....A gigantic proposition is now on foot to build a colored bath house and pavilion on the city's land at Texas avenue, just a square from Mr. Wall's place of business. Mr. Frank Brown, the prime mover, agrees to erect a combination bathing establishment, pavilion and board walk stores by April, 1910. ....Dr. Johnson, one of Baltimore's famous dentists, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McGuinn. This is the Doctor's first visit at this season of the year. He was much surprised at our mild cilmate.... Dr. Morris was appointed New Year's Day one of the city' poor physicians...Atlantic City Patriarchie No. 78, G. U. O. of Odd Fellows, held its first meeting in the new year Monday last. The full dress inspection and reception will be held in Odd Fellows' Hall Monday evening, January 17... The record for out-of-town guests spending their holidays in Atlantic City was broken last week. The Royal Palace and Rudolph alone entertained oner one thousand. The Brighton, Shelburne, Dennis, St. Charles and Marlborough-Blenheim were well filled....Proprietor White, of the Marlborough-Blenheim, gave each of his employes a five-dollar gold-piece as a Christmas gift....Mrs. Addie Pool, proprietress of the famous Pool Villa, spent New Year's Day in Philadelphia....Miss Fannie B. Alexander, the accomplished niece of Rev. W. M. Alexander, president of the Maryland Suffrage League, was quietly married Chhistmas day to Dr. Francis N. Cardezo, a prominent physician of Baltimore, Md. The bride and groom are well known in this city. Mrs. Cardezo is a niece of one of our foremost citizens, Mrs. Joseph McGuinn, and Dr. Cardezo was always numbered among our summer guests....Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bolton, of 727 Lexington avenue, gave a champagne supper in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Stokes, of Newport News, Monday, December 27. Among the invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson and Mr. James Cooper.

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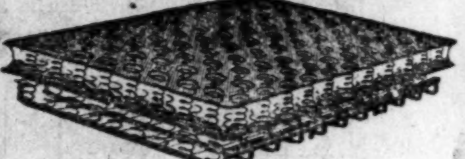

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